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New typhoon targets flooded Philippines

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Residents push their submerged vehicles through floodwaters in Rizal province, east of Manila, Philippines, on Friday. After Tropical Storm Ketsana brought the worst flooding in more than 40 years to metropolitan Manila and neighboring provinces, the Philippines is bracing for Typhoon Parma.

Trial examines military's 'leave no man behind' ethos

By DAVID ZUCCHINO
Los Angeles Times

FORT BRAGG, N.C. — Before soldiers leave on missions in Iraq or Afghanistan, they often are ordered to do everything in their power to bring their buddies back. "Leave no man behind" is the motto.

But does that military ethos apply to soldiers heading out for a rowdy weekend in the United States?

That question is being raised at an unusual court-martial on this massive Army base, where a young paratrooper who struggled to bring a combative, drunken soldier back to the barracks has been accused of causing his death.

Pfc. Luke Brown died after a night of drinking at the Ugly Stick Saloon in nearby Fayetteville in July 2008. Sgt. Justin Boyle, whose lawyer has said he was only trying to help an incapacitated buddy, was charged with invol-

untary manslaughter after using a chokehold to subdue Brown.

The case, which was expected to go to the jury Friday or Monday, is providing a rare inside look at how unit solidarity and commanders' orders play out in noncombat situations.

During testimony this week, soldiers described a wild, hour-long chase through dense woods at night as Boyle and fellow soldiers in his intelligence unit tried to corral Brown, 27, a hulking soldier built like an NFL lineman.

They also talked about their regular Friday safety briefings, in which they said commanders order those bound for weekend revelry to "do whatever it takes" to bring everyone back to base.

One soldier testified that commanders have told troops "to choke someone out if you have to."

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Rio gets Games



Chicago falls short in bid for 2016 Olympics Page 45

Obama summons McChrystal as White House officials mull Afghanistan policy shift Page 4



Sequels shine at Tokyo Game Show Scene

Fallen Marine's father champions Afghanistan fight

By CHARLIE REED
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Former Marine John Bernard is the anti-Cindy Sheehan.

Bernard, a retired first sergeant, and Sheehan, the controversial Iraq war protester, share the excruciating burden of having lost their sons to war. However, Bernard is campaigning not to end the fighting in Afghanistan, but to intensify it.

He launched a blog last week called "Let Them Fight or Bring Them Home" and contends the new "immoral rules of engagement" put troops at "unreasonable risk." Troops are being hamstrung, he said, by the civilian-centric counterinsurgency strategy.

"We went in with a very defined mission: to seek al-Qaida and destroy them. All of a sudden it's turned into a quasi-military mission to help the people of Afghanistan," said the New Portland, Maine, resident.

Bernard speaks with a unique authority. The death of his son made instant headlines.

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QUOTE
OF THE DAY

"This is one of the most important discoveries for the study of human evolution."

— David Pilbeam, curator of paleoanthropology at Harvard's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology, on the discovery of a 4.4 million-year-old female hominid skeleton

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Plastic surgeons to aid injured vets

Stars and Stripes

A group of plastic surgeons on Thursday announced the launch of Faces of Honor, a national program to provide free consultations and low-cost procedures for servicemembers who suffered facial injuries in combat, according to The San Diego Union-Tribune.

The program is meant to supplement care already provided by the Department of Veterans Affairs, said Dr. Donn Chatham, president

of the American Academy of Facial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery. He added that many members of the academy have advanced skills that VA doctors may not possess.

"It's sometimes valuable to consult with a specialist to verify that this is as far as it can get or to possibly offer another level of reconstruction," Chatham told the paper.

About 185 surgeons have agreed so far to participate in the program, and many of the services will be donated. Any charges re-

sulting from the surgical procedures will be billed to veterans' insurance plans or covered with donations raised by the academy, the Union-Tribune wrote.

"Because it's the face, it has a huge impact on people's lives," said Dr. Jeffrey Rawnley, a Los Angeles plastic surgeon and member of the Faces of Honor network. "Any facial deformity reminds you, when you look in the mirror, of the emotional scars that might have come with it."

Trial: Buddy system called into question

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And that, according to testimony, is exactly what Boyle did after an enraged Brown threw one soldier into a pickup truck, choked another and dragged him under a chain-link fence, and punched a third in the face.

But military prosecutors have said Boyle went far beyond orders, continuing to choke Brown after he stopped resisting.

"This is a case where the ends do not justify the means," said Capt. Richard Gallagher, the lead prosecutor. "Sgt. Boyle choked Pfc. Brown to death." Even as Brown was gasping and begging to be let go, Gallagher said, "Sgt. Boyle ignores those pleas."

But Anita Gorecki, Boyle's civilian lawyer, said the soldiers believed they had a duty to bring Brown home. They feared he would hurt someone, or himself. And Boyle felt a special responsibility because he was the senior noncommissioned officer present.

"The question really is the buddy system: Are we our brother's keeper at the end of the day?" Gorecki told the jury of four officers and five senior noncommissioned officers.

Any paratrooper's death is a tragedy, she said, but "these actions are not criminal."

Boyle, 28, a sturdily built paratrooper with close-cropped hair, faces up to 10 years if convicted. Three fellow soldiers in his 82nd Airborne Division unit also face courts-martial. Two others have pleaded guilty to lesser charges; the charges against a sixth soldier were dropped.

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Even Brown's family seems to accept the concept of soldiers making sure every man comes home, whether from a combat mission or a night on the town.

"The family has forgiven these guys," Adam Brown, Luke's brother, 26, said outside the courtroom. "I know these guys were looking out for Luke's best interests. It was just a terrible accident."

At the hearing, Boyle and several other accused soldiers approached the Browns to offer their sympathies. "They all said they were sorry about what happened," Adam Brown said.

James Culp, who represents two of the accused paratroopers, said Brown put his buddies in an untenable position by crashing through the woods drunk. The leave-no-man-behind code obligated them to go after him.

Sgt. Christopher Mignocchi, who was convicted of negligent homicide under a plea deal, said he had heard commanders tell soldiers to bring their buddies home "if you have to knock them out and drag them back."

He added: "I thought that we were doing what we had been told."

When Brown ran from the Ugly Stick at 2 a.m. after downing another soldier's beer and arguing with bouncers, soldiers testified, he kept saying, "Nobody loves me" and "I want to die."

One soldier attacked by Brown told him, "You're choking me!" Brown replied: "I know. I'm sorry," but continued the assault

until he was tackled by Boyle.

"Everybody's goal was to calm him down and get him home," Mignocchi said. Other soldiers said no one intended to harm Brown.

According to witnesses, Boyle locked Brown in a choke hold taught during Army training. While other soldiers held Brown down, they said, Boyle straddled the big man from behind, wrapping his legs around him and locking an arm around Brown's neck.

The others punched and kicked Brown in the stomach, torso and legs.

Mignocchi testified that Brown at one point muttered: "The only way you're going to get me out of these woods is if you choke me out."

Brown recovered from Boyle's chokehold, but became combative again, the soldiers said. Boyle applied a second chokehold, one witness said, letting up at times but resuming when he said Brown was still resisting.

"Go to sleep, Brown, go to sleep," Boyle was quoted as saying.

Fearing Brown would attack soldiers on the ride home, the men decided to bind his wrists with plastic zip-ties.

Gallagher said Boyle's second chokehold caused "a significant brain injury."

"He is in the process of dying when he's being placed in that vehicle," he said.

The initial autopsy by a military medical examiner listed the cause and manner of Brown's death as "undetermined." Navy Cmdr.

Carol Solomon said she could not conclude whether Brown died due to asphyxia from being choked or from cardiac arrhythmia — an irregular heartbeat.

After reviewing witnesses' statements, Solomon said, she changed her finding to asphyxia by choking, a homicide.

But a defense forensic pathologist, Michael Baden, testified that Brown died of natural causes: arrhythmia caused by exertion and an enlarged heart.

"He had a very bad heart," Baden testified. Brown's heart weighed 500 grams, versus about 350 grams for the average male, Baden said.

A toxicologist said Brown's blood alcohol content was between 0.14 percent and 0.19 percent, more than twice the legal driving limit, when he died. Brown called himself a "binge drinker," according to fellow soldiers.

Some witnesses said Brown was unconscious when he was loaded into the car. Citing that and other evidence, the prosecution said Boyle's second chokehold left Brown unconscious and brain dead.

But Sgt. Kyle Saltz, who also is charged in the case, testified that Brown moved his head and uttered an obscenity when Saltz checked on him in the car. Citing that and other evidence, Baden said the second chokehold did not cause permanent unconsciousness or brain death.

"You can't call that a homicide," he said.

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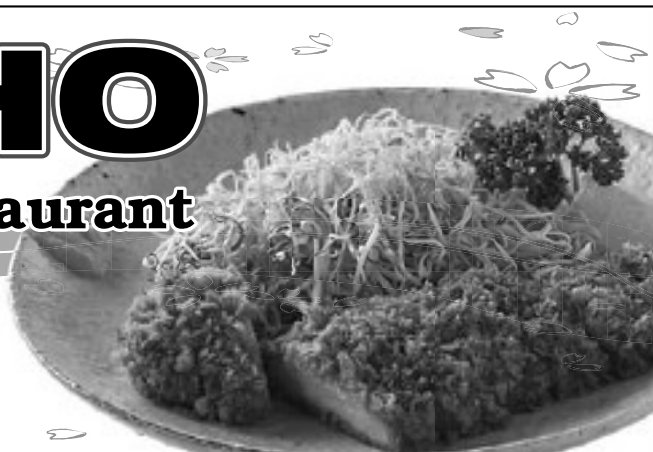
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Roughead: 10th Fleet to dominate cyber intel

Admiral's plan for Web security to affect at least 45,000 sailors

By LEO SHANE III
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The Navy will reorganize nearly 44,000 jobs and add 1,000 additional positions to a newly created "Information Domination Corps" designed to bring the naval intelligence community, cybersecurity experts and communications specialties under a single command.

The new 10th Fleet, to be headquartered at Fort Meade in Maryland, will include related information specialties such as meteorology and oceanography, naval officials said. Details on the new chain of command and possible moves of sailors are expected to be announced in coming months.

At a speech before industry and naval leaders Thursday, Chief of Naval Operations Adm. Gary Roughead billed the reorganization as a needed change to keep the service on the cutting edge of not just cyber warfare but information sharing throughout the military.

"Between the United States and other navies around the world, I'm comfortable with the capability gap in the areas of ships, aircraft and submarines," he said. "But cyberspace is a



Adm. Gary Roughead

much more contested space. The question has been, 'Do we enjoy that same gap there?' We must be prepared for it."

Roughead added he believes the changes will make the fleet's cyber command a leader in the broader U.S. Cyber Command, especially as the Army and Marine Corps continue to focus on immediate operations in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Changes will include consolidating the director of naval intelligence, the deputy chief of naval operations, and several other information capability commanders under a newly created deputy chief who will report directly to Roughead.

Vice Adm. Jack Dorsett, current director of naval intelligence and nominee for the new position, said most of the work of the new command won't focus on developing new capabilities

but instead better organizing and using existing data, networks and tools.

"What we've learned from Iraq and Afghanistan is that there is an unquenchable thirst for information," he told reporters. "We see the lesson as the need for an environment of increased availability of data, and a need for people to make sense of it."

"While we're adequately positioned for today, we don't believe that we're well positioned for the future."

In addition, Dorsett said that the new command will look to recruit more cyber specialists in the future, to better react to emerging online threats and network needs.

Filling those posts will be difficult, he conceded, but officials are already eyeing offering the new recruits shorter tours or job development opportunities with private industry along with a traditional bonus and specialty pay approach.

Roughead emphasized the need to protect U.S. networks but downplayed the risk posed by hackers in countries like Russia and China. Better systems and data sharing will help foster better relationships with foreign governments, he said.

However, Dorsett did not rule out offensive operations from the new cyber specialists, if U.S. Cyber Command officials determine the need for such an approach.

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AP

Protesters opposed to the realignment of U.S. forces rally outside U.S. Camp Zama, near Tokyo, in March 2006. The nation's leaders again are reviewing relocating American troops.

Ambassador signals U.S. will wait for Japan's troop review

The Associated Press

TOKYO — U.S. Ambassador John Roos said Friday that Washington views Tokyo as an equal partner and will give Japan's new government time to review a plan to rework the deployment of American troops in the country.

Newly elected Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama has said he wants Japan to chart a more independent path with the U.S..

The framework of the current plan, which would relocate 8,000

Marines from the southern island of Okinawa to the U.S. territory of Guam, had been agreed on in 2006, but several major points remain to be worked out, including the location of a base to replace Okinawa's Futenma air station, a major Marine hub. Some members of Hatoyama's Democratic Party of Japan want the base moved off Japanese territory entirely.

"We view the United States and Japan as partners, equal partners," Roos said.

New Kadena exchange opens, draws large crowd

By MATT ORR
Stars and Stripes

KADENA AIR BASE, Okinawa — The largest Army Air Force Exchange facility in the Pacific opened for business Friday to a sea of people.

"This is huge," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Albert Noffsinger after walking out of Kadena's new Base Exchange, which is also the second largest AAFES facility worldwide. "It seems like it is two-and-a-half times bigger than the old BX and there are more choices available and the aisles are a lot wider. I am very impressed."

The two-story department store cost more than \$80 million to build, store manager Robert Rice



MATT ORR/ Stars and Stripes

Kadena Air Base's new Base Exchange opened its doors to shoppers Friday. The facility has taken just under two years to build and cost just over \$80 million.

said. It covers 325,000 square feet, and construction took nearly two years.

It will employ about 365 people, some 200 more than the old exchange. The old store will be demolished and a parking lot will be put in its place.

The main exchange will occupy the second floor while the food court and accommodations for 26

specialty store fronts will be on the ground floor, according to officials. All exchange departments increased in size to offer customers a wider array of products.

The largest base exchange worldwide is at Ramstein Air Base, Germany.

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Intelligence company: Military data still at risk

By ELLEN NAKASHIMA
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The personal data of tens of thousands of U.S. soldiers — including those in the Special Forces — continue to be downloaded by unauthorized computer users in countries such as China and Pakistan, despite Army assurances that it would try to fix the problem, according to a private firm that monitors cybersecurity.

Tiversa, which scours the Internet for sensitive data, discovered the data breaches in May while conducting research for private clients. The company found, as recently as this week, documents containing Social Security numbers, blood types, cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses and the names of soldiers' spouses and children.

The availability of such data, security experts say, exacerbates the threat of identity theft and re-

taliation against troops on sensitive missions. In addition to using the information to drain financial accounts, hackers could pose as soldiers in an effort to ferret out sensitive data, including passwords to government systems.

The company found the sensitive documents by using "peer to peer" file-sharing software, which can be easily downloaded on the Internet and allows computer users to share music or other files. While such software is popular — in any given second, about 22 million people are on file-sharing networks — many computer users don't realize it can make the contents of their computers available to other file-sharers.

In 2003, the Army instituted policies barring the unauthorized use of peer-to-peer software. The Pentagon did the same in 2004. But critics say policies often are not enforced.

Obama, McChrystal discuss war strategy

By JULIE PACE
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — President Barack Obama summoned his top commander in Afghanistan for a 25-minute meeting aboard Air Force One on Friday as part of his review of a war strategy that has divided the president's national security team.

Army Gen. Stanley McChrystal and Obama met just before the president returned to Washington from Copenhagen, where he was pitching the International Olympic Committee on Chicago's bid to host the 2016 games.

McChrystal had been in London, where he said in a speech Thursday that insurgents are gaining strength in Afghanistan and more troops are needed to "buy time" for the Afghan military and police forces to prepare to take control of the country in 2013.

A White House spokesman said the meeting was part of the ongoing discussion about Afghanistan and no decisions were made. The pair met in the president's cabin.

"The president wanted to take the opportunity to get together with Gen. McChrystal," spokesman Robert Gibbs told reporters aboard the presidential aircraft just before takeoff.

The meeting was the third conversation between the two since McChrystal disclosed in a television interview that aired



Obama

McChrystal

Sunday that he had spoken with Obama only once since taking over the U.S. military efforts in Afghanistan. Obama tapped McChrystal in May to replace ousted Gen. David McKiernan.

Obama and McChrystal spoke on Wednesday before Obama convened a meeting later that day of his war council, which McChrystal joined by video conference. When Obama learned McChrystal would be in London, he asked him to meet him on the tarmac in Copenhagen after Obama made a last-minute pitch for Chicago's bid, Gibbs said.

Obama's strategy review was prompted in part by a critical assessment of the war effort that McChrystal sent him last month. He declared that the U.S. would fail to meet its objectives of causing irreparable damage to Taliban militants and their al-Qaida allies if the administration did not

significantly increase American forces.

While the Pentagon has so far locked away specifics of McChrystal's troop request, he is widely believed to want to add between 30,000 and 40,000 to the current force of 68,000.

Wednesday's war council meeting, the second of at least five planned by Obama, exposed emerging fault lines within the administration over Afghanistan — with military commanders pressing for more troops and other advisers expressing skepticism.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and special Afghan and Pakistan envoy Richard Holbrooke appeared to be leaning toward supporting a troop increase, while White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel and Gen. James Jones, Obama's national security adviser, appeared to be skeptical of troop increases.

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Gen. David Petraeus, the top commander for the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, both support McChrystal's strategy. Defense Secretary Robert Gates has remained noncommittal.

The assessment of divisions within Obama's inner circle came from a senior administration official who attended the meeting and spoke on the condition of anonymity, because the discussions were private.

Assumptions of general challenged

By SCOTT WILSON
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The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Senior White House officials have begun to make the case for a policy shift in Afghanistan that would send few, if any, new combat troops to the country and instead focus on faster military training of Afghan forces, continued assassinations of al-Qaida leaders and support for the government of neighboring Pakistan in its fight against the Taliban.

In a three-hour meeting Wednesday at the White House, senior advisers challenged some of the key assumptions in Gen. Stanley McChrystal's blunt assessment of the nearly 8-year-old war, which President Barack Obama has said is being fought to destroy al-Qaida and its allies in Afghanistan and the ungoverned border areas of Pakistan.

McChrystal, commander of the 100,000 NATO and U.S. forces in Afghanistan, has asked Obama to quickly endorse his call for a change in military strategy and approve the additional resources he needs to re-take the initiative from the resurgent Taliban.

But White House officials are resisting McChrystal's call for urgency, which he underscored Thursday in a speech in London, and questioning important elements of his assessment, which calls for a vast expansion of an increasingly unpopular war. One senior administration official, speaking on the condition of anonymity to discuss the meeting, said, "A lot of assumptions — and I don't want to say myths, but a lot of assumptions — were exposed to the light of day."

Among them, according to three senior administration officials who attended the meeting, is McChrystal's contention that the Taliban and al-Qaida share the same strategic interests and that the return to power of the Taliban would automatically mean a new sanctuary for al-Qaida.

Leading up to the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the Taliban government provided much of al-Qaida's leadership with a safe haven before being toppled by U.S. forces later that year. Since then, some White House officials say, al-Qaida has not regained its foothold even as the Taliban insurgency has strengthened.

The deliberations over McChrystal's assessment are expected to last several weeks, and officials who participated in Wednesday's meeting say it is too early to discern what direction Obama intends to take.

Although participants described the discussions as fluid, divisions are becoming clearer between those in the administration who want to broaden the U.S. effort, including sending in additional combat forces, and those who want to adopt a narrower anti-terrorism effort focused primarily on al-Qaida.

U.S. is set to boost Afghan training

By SANDRA JONTZ
Stars and Stripes

FORWARD OPERATING BASE GARDEZ, Afghanistan — By December, U.S. forces in southeast Afghanistan will make good on a promise to increase the number of troops training Afghan Border Police, nearly a year after launching an overhaul of the program.

In January, U.S. officials vowed to boost forces in response to the continued violence along Afghanistan's rugged 1,600-mile boundary with Pakistan.

It's part of a comprehensive strategy to eliminate the threat of Islamist militants crossing the border from Pakistan, where they have found safe haven and financial support for years. The U.S. has used missile strikes to hit militant groups in Pakistan, and the Senate on Sept. 24 approved \$7.5 billion — \$1.5 billion a year for five years — in aid to Pakistan, largely to gain its support in fighting such groups.

For several years, the U.S. military relied primarily on small teams of embedded advisers to train the border Afghan security forces, but those teams have been in short supply. For example, in the southeastern region that includes the provinces of Paktia, Paktika and Khost, referred to as P2K, the allotted 16-man adviser teams rarely had more than six or seven soldiers, said Maj. Chris Thomas, operations officer for Task Force Warrior, 425th Brigade Special Troops Battalion under the International Security Assistance Force.

The war in Iraq also meant fewer troops were available for the training requirements in Afghanistan, said Capt. Adam Tumblin, an embedded mentor from 1st Brigade, 1st Infantry Division out of Fort Riley, Kan., who has been in Afghanistan since November 2008.

"With the drawdown in Iraq, I think that now frees up forces to come here and partner with Afghans," Tumblin said. "It's frustrating for me from a mentor's viewpoint, but it's not at my level to set policy."

Earlier this year, the U.S. Army brought



Courtesy of the U.S. Army

Sp. William Bolling, a chaplain's assistant, walks on patrol in April with the Afghan Border Police's 2nd Battalion in Chamkani, Paktia province. U.S. soldiers are training the border police in basic tactics.

in about 1,500 soldiers with the 425th Battalion to strengthen the training program of border police in the region, from operational planners to intelligence personnel, logisticians and financiers.

While the exact number of these new trainers has yet to be determined, U.S. officials envision placing one U.S. soldier for every three Afghan Border Police officers. Afghanistan's Ministry of Interior, which oversees the force, approved an Afghan Border Police force of 2,971 troops for the P2K region for 2009. The trainers advise Afghan police on how to run a five-week basic training course to include weapons training, first aid and literacy courses.

Building up the border police had to take a back seat to the U.S. military's push to train and stand up the national army and national police forces to help bring stability to the country at large, military officials said.

Just as they saw with the army and national police, U.S. trainers are dealing with

illiteracy, desertion, an undeveloped non-commissioned officer corps and the most pressing problem, corruption.

During a recent gathering at FOB Gardez of commanders for the seven "kandas," which is Dari for "battalion," the issue of corruption provoked heated debate.

Afghan military leaders lie about the number of troops on their rosters to pocket nonexistent patrolmen's salaries, and troops at border checkpoints take bribes to let travelers through, according to military training team officials.

One frustrated intelligence officer, Afghan Maj. Mazrat Din, complained that the Ministry of Interior has failed to push down cash to be used to pay sources for information. When a source recently led border police to 500 kilograms of hashish, Din had no money to pay for the tip. Instead, he rewarded the informant by doling out some of the spoils.

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U.S. Marines with Combat Logistics Battalion 8 attach an M777A2 Lightweight Howitzer to a CH-53E Super Stallion at the helicopter landing zone at Fire Base Fiddler's Green in Helmand Province, Afghanistan.

CHRISTOPHER R. RYE/Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

Artillery service preps for deployment

Heavy gun power proving a vital part of Afghan operations, commander says

BY CHARLIE REED
Stars and Stripes

YOKOTA AIR BASE, Japan — Marine Corps artillerymen are back to manning the big guns.

The service deployed its first artillery battalion to Afghanistan in the spring and is spinning up artillery training everywhere from Camp Fuji, Japan, to Twentynine Palms, Calif., to fill the deployment pipeline.

"Artillery is going to play a larger role here," said Maj. Gregory Hanweck, operations officer at Camp Fuji, the Marines' largest training ground in the Pacific.

Large-scale artillery exercises at Fuji — such as an upcoming cycle involving 400 Marines from Okinawa — were shelved during much of the past six years while artillerymen deployed to Iraq, mostly as provisional security forces, Hanweck said.

Because the Iraqi insurgency was con-

centrated in urban areas and relied heavily on roadside bombs, artillery was scarcely needed after the initial 2003 invasion. Instead of pulling lanyards, artillerymen raided houses, patrolled neighborhoods and escorted convoys.

But in Afghanistan, where Taliban and al-Qaida fighters engage U.S. troops in the country's rural outreaches, heavy gun power is proving a vital part of operations, said Lt. Col. James Lewis, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 11th Marine Regiment. The Camp Pendleton, Calif.-based artillery unit deployed to Helmand province in May as part of the 10,000-strong Marine force that delivered the opening salvos of the renewed fight in Afghanistan.

However, with stricter rules of engagement put in place this summer to better protect Afghan civilians, determining when and how to employ the howitzer and other conventional weaponry has been part

of the learning curve for the 3-11 and the regional combat team it supports in southern Afghanistan, Lewis said.

"We came here with a really good focus on a decision-making process [for granting fire requests] that we've continued to refine," said Lewis. Advancements in artillery technology have made cannon and rocket units not only lighter and more flexible on the battlefield but also more accurate, he said.

"We're essentially doing the same thing we'd do in a conventional fight but with a [counterinsurgency] focus," said Lewis.

There is no data to show the rate of ground-based fire missions since Gen. Stanley McChrystal issued a July 1 directive limiting airstrikes and artillery bombardment to cut down on civilian casualties, though it has been reduced in recent months, said Col. Wayne Shanks, spokesman for U.S. Forces Afghanistan.

Missions are now focused on engaging the enemy in the least destructive way possible, but that does not preclude commanders from granting fire support to protect troops in harm's way, Shanks said.

"If Marines are taking effective fire and require supporting arms, that's one of the reasons we're here," Lewis said. "The vast majority of our fires with cannons and rockets are in self-defense."

Though the entire strategy in Afghanistan could be turned on its head as President Barack Obama and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates consider McChrystal's assessment of the current situation on the ground, Marine artillerymen continue to prepare for combat in their traditional roles, according to the Pentagon.

All 43 Marine Corp firing batteries are in the deployment pipeline, Pentagon spokesman Marine Maj. Carl Redding said.

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Marine dies while training in Calif.

HONOLULU — A Hawaii-based U.S. Marine has been killed in a vehicle crash at the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center at Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Officials at Marine Corps Base Hawaii on Friday said 21-year-old Pfc. Zachary D. Tenbrook of Middlebury, Ind., was pronounced dead Wednesday.

Another Hawaii-based Marine, 24-year-old Lance Cpl. Christopher D. Mullen of Detroit, was hospitalized in stable condition.

According to the officials, the Marines were injured when their flatbed truck rolled over during a training exercise in preparation for upcoming deployment to Afghanistan.

From The Associated Press

Woman sentenced in credit union theft case

BY ERIK SLAVIN
Stars and Stripes

A former USA Federal Credit Union employee at Yokota Air Base was sentenced to 38 months in prison for stealing \$1.5 million out of the cash vault over 13 years, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Diego.

Leticia Figuracion must also repay the money and remain on probation for five years following her release, Judge John Houston ruled Sept. 21 in San Diego U.S. District Court.

The credit union's Misawa, Japan-based regional manager, Joe Roginski, said Friday that he was not authorized to answer questions regarding the case.

Figuracion was removed

from her post about one year ago, according to a former credit union employee familiar with the case.

Figuracion admitted to stealing about \$10,000 per month from the vault for many years, according to the U.S. Department of Justice Web site.

She covered her tracks by using a credit union member's account to embezzle the money, then changing the member's address to avoid notification, according to a U.S. Attorney's Office news release.

Much of the money was sent to Figuracion's family members in the Philippines. She also used the money to open a Los Angeles restaurant, according to the U.S.

Attorney's Office.

During sentencing, Houston credited Figuracion for admitting to the scheme, according to the U.S. Attorney's Office.

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The sun rises over Guantanamo detention facility, at the U.S. Naval Base, in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Bahtiyar Mahnut has turned down an offer to be moved to the Pacific island of Palau because his older brother and fellow detainee Arkin Mahmud has developed serious mental health problems.

Gitmo detainee chooses his family over freedom

By DEL QUENTIN WILBER
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Bahtiyar Mahnut, a detainee at the U.S. military prison at Guantanamo Bay, learned a few weeks ago that the Pacific island nation of Palau had invited him to settle there.

It should have been cause for celebration, especially for a man who desperately wants to be free. But, to the surprise of his lawyers, Bahtiyar has turned down the offer. He wishes to remain a prisoner, they say, so he can look after his older brother, a fellow detainee.

The brothers' saga, as related by their attorneys and military records, could transpire only in the context of Guantanamo Bay and comes at a critical juncture for the Obama administration, which is struggling to meet a Jan. 22 deadline to shutter the 223-detainee prison. Their circumstances also highlight the diplomatic difficulties facing the U.S. government as it tries to find places to send the prisoners not destined for terrorism trials in the United States.

The brothers are Uighurs, residents of China who are considered separatists by Beijing, but are not enemies of the United States. The brothers were picked up separately in Afghanistan and Pakistan soon after the United States launched attacks against al-Qaida and the Taliban in retaliation for the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Since at least 2003, the U.S. government has tried to find homes for the brothers and 20 other captured Uighurs. Five went to Albania in 2006; four were sent to Bermuda in June. At one point, U.S. officials were considering the possibility of resettling Uighurs in the Washington area, but that plan was scuttled under political pressure. Most countries have been reluctant to accept Uighurs and risk angering China.

In recent weeks, however, Palau has agreed to accept 12 of the 13 remaining Uighurs, according to the Justice Department.

The only detainee not invited by Palau was Bahtiyar's older brother, Arkin Mahmud, 45, who has developed mental health problems that are apparently

too serious to be treated in the sparsely populated country, said his attorney, Elizabeth Gilson.

To make matters worse, according to Gilson and military records, Arkin is only a prisoner because he went searching for Bahtiyar after the younger brother left their homeland eight years ago.

"This is just very difficult and sad," said Abubakir Qasim, 40, a Uighur freed from Guantanamo Bay in 2006 who considers himself a friend of both brothers.

"Bahtiyar is turning away freedom for his brother," Qasim said through an interpreter. "His brother is only there because of Bahtiyar. Uighurs have declined the offer for a variety of reasons, according to one of their lawyers, Susan Baker Manning. The Justice Department says the government thinks that six to eight Uighurs will go to Palau.

In 2001, Bahtiyar and Arkin, both Muslims, were living with their parents and a younger brother in a small house in bustling Ghulja in Western China. Arkin is the father of two children, then 8 and 5. The brothers were not particularly devout but felt oppressed by the government of Beijing, which does not allow worship and ensures the best jobs go to ethnic Chinese. The brothers were forced to survive as menial tradesmen.

Bahtiyar wanted to strike out on his own. So, with \$700 in his pocket, he headed for Pakistan. But he quickly ran out of money and couldn't find work. He was worried about being sent back to China until a friend told him about a group of Uighurs in Afghanistan that wanted "to fight against the Chinese government."

"If I went," he told military officials, "I didn't have to pay for food or anything. So I went to Afghanistan."

There, he lived with 35 other Uighurs in a camp. The group built houses and a mosque. They trained with one automatic rifle.

After the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, the U.S. military began bombing Afghanistan and destroyed Bahtiyar's camp, sending the Uighurs into the mountains for shelter. Bahtiyar and others crossed into neighboring Pakistan, where they were arrested and turned over to U.S. authorities.

Father: Photos of son's death led Bernard to blog on Afghan war

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Not because of the issues raised by his father, but because of photographs of the dying Marine distributed by The Associated Press.

The photos — which John Bernard and Secretary of Defense Robert Gates asked the AP not to run — sparked debate among media outlets, bloggers and the public about the merits of publishing graphic images of those killed in combat.

Bernard said he is trying to focus the residual media coverage stemming from his son's death on, as he sees it, the undue perils faced by troops under the current strategy in Afghanistan.

"There is a bigger picture here," he said. "I can't do anything about my son, but there are hundreds, thousands of other sons that will be killed or maimed if we continue down this road."

"When you make the decision to send in an armed force, you fight," said Bernard, whose son Lance Cpl. Joshua Bernard was killed Aug. 14 during a fight with Taliban insurgents.

"Deep inside us, we all anticipated this. We could see it coming for months," said Bernard of the reaction he and his wife and daughter had upon hearing the news.

"We actually believe that Josh really was kind of prepping us, that he expected not to make it back."

Bernard, a 26-year Marine Corps veteran who served in the first Gulf War, began criticizing the war strategy in July, five weeks before Josh was killed.

Just days after Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top commander in Afghanistan, restricted air and ground firepower and ordered troops to scale back fighting against insurgents to save civilian lives, Bernard began sounding off to his representatives in Congress.

In a series of letters, he urged the politicians to review the situation and elevate the debate in Washington about McChrystal's strategy.

Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, raised the issue in a hearing with Pentagon leaders late last month.

The Washington Post reported that Collins asked Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to respond to Bernard's letter, which said McChrystal's rules of engagement were "nothing less than disgraceful, immoral and fatal for our Marines, sailors and soldiers on the ground."

At the time John Bernard wrote the letter, Josh was fight-

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ing in Helmand province with Golf Company, 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment.

During brief phone conversations that month, Bernard said his son spoke of firepower missions being denied and about the growing dangers on the ground in the Taliban strongholds of southern Afghanistan.

"The guys on the ground are angry beyond reason that they're not able to do what they're trained to do," Bernard said. "They're watching their fellow troops get wounded or killed while we've turned over the battle space to the enemy."

McChrystal concedes that shielding civilians from excessive violence and working more closely with Afghan security forces will put U.S. and NATO forces at greater risk.

But he insists the hazards are short-term and that winning over the Afghan people is the best way to succeed in Afghanistan.

Impossible, Bernard said.

"When you try to make nice with one side of the population and try to fight the other, you end up bringing the enemy into camp with you," said Bernard, who believes the Taliban fighters who killed his son were tipped off by Afghans working with the Marines.

Bernard is not planning anything grandiose to spread his message, no rallies in the capital or lawsuits against the Department of Defense.

Instead, he is calling politicians, trying to tap Washington insiders for help and posting blog entries.

"The best I think I can do is to reach people with a larger audience to ratchet up the pressure," said Bernard, 55, who owns a woodworking company in New Portland and speaks with matter-of-fact authority no doubt honed during his military career.

As for his efforts being cathartic, Bernard is ambivalent.

"I can't tell if it's helping or interfering" with the grieving process, he said.

"All I know is that the conditions on the ground in Afghanistan are deteriorating and our focus there is deteriorating, and we're the ones eroding the situation."

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3 U.S. troops killed in Afghan attacks

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL — A suicide bomber struck a U.S. convoy Friday in southern Afghanistan, killing two American soldiers, the U.S. command said. Two other international troops — one American and one British — were reported killed the day before.

The casualties followed a drop in U.S. and other NATO deaths during September — the first decline after months of ever-rising bloodshed.

U.S. spokeswoman Capt. Elizabeth Mathias confirmed the deaths in the convoy attack but would not specify where it occurred.

She also said a third American died when Taliban militants fired rocket-propelled grenades at a patrol late Thursday in eastern Afghanistan. Several other Americans were wounded, she added.

In London, the British Ministry of Defense announced that a British airman was killed Thursday when a bomb exploded alongside his patrol near Camp Bastion in southern Helmand province.

The deaths were the first reported this month for the U.S.-led force, which has been locked in the heaviest fighting of the Afghan war. The Obama administration is debating whether to send more American troops to Afghanistan, whose government faces allegations of widespread fraud in the disputed Aug. 20 presidential election.

President Barack Obama summoned his top commander in Afghanistan, Gen. Stanley McChrystal, for a 25-minute meeting on Air Force One on Friday in Copenhagen, Denmark, as part of his review of a war strategy that has divided the president's national security team.

The two conferred just before the president returned to Washington from Copenhagen, where he was pitching the International Olympic Committee on Chicago's bid to host the 2016 games.

At least 37 American troops died in Afghanistan in September, compared with 51 in August, 44 in July and 24 in June, according to figures compiled by The Associated Press from official statements.

The September death toll for the overall international force, including the Ameri-



AP photos

Above: An Afghan police officer stands guard as oil tankers, set on fire by Taliban militants, are engulfed in flames in Kunduz, Afghanistan, on Friday. Below: Members of the Afghan fire brigade try to extinguish an oil tanker Friday that was set on fire by Taliban militants in Kunduz.

cans, stood at 65, compared with 73 in August, 75 in July and 34 in June. At the same time, civilian deaths rose from 169 in August to 202 in September, according to AP figures compiled from police and other Afghan officials.

The reason for the decline in soldier deaths was unclear, although major ground operations were launched against Taliban forces in July and August. No figures for wounded were available.

Also Friday, Afghan authorities reported that militants attacked a convoy of empty trucks returning to Pakistan after delivering supplies to a NATO base in Afghanistan. One driver was killed, three were wounded and 13 trucks were burned, according to police.



Hidden bomb kills Iraqi preacher during prayers

By CHELSEA J. CARTER
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A bomb smuggled into a village mosque Friday killed a prayer leader who also worked as a police officer in an area of northern Iraq considered the last stronghold of Sunni insurgents, an official said.

The explosives were hidden under a platform where Narjis Shiwash was overseeing prayers

in Namrood, a mostly Sunni village about 18 miles south of Mosul. Three worshippers were injured, said the police official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media.

The mosque was only lightly guarded and had none of the additional security cordons placed around many larger places of worship around Iraq during the height of sectarian bloodshed

several years ago.

There were no immediate arrests, but suspicion fell on groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq.

The Mosul area is considered the last major base for Sunni insurgents, who have targeted tribal leaders and others who assist security forces. On Sept. 25, at least 11 Iraqi soldiers were killed just outside Mosul, the nation's third-largest city.

In Baghdad, an American sol-

dier was killed in a mortar attack at a sprawling base on the western edge of the Iraqi capital, the U.S. military said.

Insurgents have stepped up attacks against Iraqi security forces in recent months as U.S. troops have pulled back to bases outside Iraqi cities.

Insurgents have primarily targeted Iraqi forces and government officials but have also attacked U.S. troops across Iraq

with mortar shells and roadside bombs.

The Multi-National Corps-Iraq soldier was killed Thursday in what is at least the second attack in two weeks at Camp Liberty.

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Muddy floods kill at least 17 in Sicilian city

By ARIEL DAVID
The Associated Press

ROME — Rivers of mud unleashed by heavy rains overnight flooded parts of the Sicilian city of Messina, leaving at least 17 people dead while sweeping away cars and collapsing buildings, officials and news reports said.

Rescuers with dogs searched Friday for several people missing after the mud swamped entire villages and suburbs of Messina on the island's eastern coast, Mayor Giuseppe Buzzanca said. Efforts were hampered by the fact that many roads and railways were inundated.

Residents and firefighters used shovels and bulldozers to clear the mud, which in some areas reached as high as the door handles of cars and homes.

At least 17 people were killed, the ANSA news agency reported, citing the Messina prefect's office. At least 40 people were hospitalized, many of them transported by sea, civil protection chief Guido Bertolaso said. Authorities gave varying numbers for people missing, ranging from five to 20.

The government in Rome declared a state

of emergency for the area, freeing funds for emergency relief and reconstruction.

Officials blamed the overnight storm, which unleashed nearly 9 inches of rain in just three hours. But they acknowledged that deforestation and unregulated development had weakened the soil and contributed to the mudslides from Messina's surrounding hills and cliffs.

They were Italy's deadliest landslides since 1998, when a rain-drenched mountain near Naples unleashed a torrent of mud that submerged villages and killed 150.

Among those killed around Messina was a man who was submerged and suffocated in the mud on the main piazza of a southern suburb, the ANSA news agency said. Another man drowned in the flooded cellar of his country home, it said.

The civil protection chief urged authorities to take action against uncontrolled deforestation and construction, often practiced by organized crime syndicates.

"Either we take on the job of securing all the nation's territory, or these tragedies are destined to be repeated," Bertolaso said.



CARMELO IMBESI/AP

Rescuers carrying a stretcher make their way through debris on Friday in Scaletta Zanclea in southern Italy. Rivers of mud covered parts of the Sicilian city of Messina, claiming lives and leaving some missing.

EU seeks U.S. help for climate funding

By AOIFE WHITE
The Associated Press

GOTEBORG, Sweden — The European Union called Friday on the United States to join it in stumping up cash to help poor developing nations cope with climate change.

Swedish Finance Minister Anders Borg, whose country currently holds the rotating EU presidency, said Europe wanted the U.S. to "also put their weight behind the issue" ahead of global talks in Copenhagen in December on a new pact to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

"We must heat up the climate debate," he said after economy talks between EU nations in Goteborg, Sweden.

"Europe cannot solve this alone," he said. "We need stronger U.S. activity on the climate change issue if we are going to move forward. We are trying to do what we can to convince them to be more active on this."

The 27-nation bloc wants to put the pressure on other major polluters such as the United States and China to get them to either promise emission cuts or pledge funding toward poorer nations.

The funds would help developing nations curb their own emissions by paying for the rollout of energy efficient technology and more renewable power. It would also pay some of the costs of adapting to climate change as warmer weather causes deserts to spread and triggers more unpredictable weather, such as sudden storms and floods.



KUMAR A. MAHESH/AP

A group of people in Dindi look at an overflowing dam on Thursday in Andhra Pradesh state, India. Torrential rains destroyed hundreds of homes and caused heavy flooding in southern India.

Death toll increases to 102 after flash floods in India

The Associated Press

NEW DELHI — At least 35 more people died Friday after flash floods washed away thousands of homes in southern India, pushing the death toll from this week's heavy rains to 102, officials and media said.

In worst-hit Karnataka state, floods have destroyed at least 26,000 houses, submerged roads and snapped communication links in many areas.

On Friday, district officials in Karnataka reported the deaths of 35 people, pushing the death toll over the past two days to 86, with many more people reported missing, the Press Trust of India news agency said.

Army troops have begun rescue operations and helicopters are dropping food and drinking water packets in the worst-affected areas, about 375 miles north of the state capital, Bangalore.

Scores of villages in 11 districts in northern Karnataka were submerged and people had fled to higher ground, a top official said.

"Northern Karnataka is reeling from unprecedented rainfall. At least 26,000 houses have collapsed," Karnataka's chief minister B.S. Yeddyurappa said.

Late monsoon flooding has hit a large swathe of southern India. On Thursday, torrential rains and widespread flooding killed at least 16 people in neighboring Andhra Pradesh state.

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Captive Israeli appears well in Hamas video

The Associated Press

JERUSALEM — In the first glimpse of him since his capture more than three years ago, a thin but healthy-looking Israeli soldier said in a video released Friday that he is being treated well by his Palestinian captors and appealed to Israel's leader to bring him home.

Israel received the two-minute video of Sgt. Gilad Schalit from Hamas militants after it released 19 female Palestinian prisoners ear-

lier Friday in an exchange that is the first tangible step toward defusing a key flash point in Israeli-Palestinian hostilities.

Schalit sat in a chair in front of a bare wall reading a prepared statement tucked behind an Arabic-language newspaper displayed to show the date, Sept. 14.

At one point, he rose from the chair and walked toward the camera and back, apparently to demonstrate he could stand on his own. He smiled

several times during the video.

Speaking lucidly and reading clearly in Hebrew, he sent his love to his parents, recalled in detail a 2005 visit his family paid to his military base and appealed to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu "not to squander this opportunity" to bring him home.

"I read the paper to find material and hope to find any material about my release and my imminent return home," he said.

Schalit, 23, said he was in good health and that his captors were treating him "excellently." He was clean-shaven and his hair was closely cropped, but he was not wearing glasses, as he did before his capture.

The video's arrival in Israel, together with the Palestinian prisoners' triumphant return home to a flag-waving and cheering crowd, gave hope to each side that a wider, long-awaited prisoner swap was in the offing.



Schalit

DNA on bloody clothes matches U.S. diplomat

WILLEMSTAD, Curacao — DNA on blood-spattered clothes found on a Curacao beach matches that of a U.S. diplomat who vanished from this Dutch Caribbean island, police and prosecutors say.

In a joint statement issued late Thursday, Curacao authorities said the Dutch Forensic Institute has confirmed that bloody clothes found along Baya Beach belonged to James Hogan, 49, who was reported missing by his wife on Sept. 25.

Police also reported they have found the missing U.S. vice consul's cell phone in the sea.

Kosovo court convicts 3 ex-rebels of war crimes

PRISTINA, Kosovo — An EU-run court convicted a Kosovo lawmaker and two other former ethnic Albanian rebels Friday for beating and torturing civilians during Kosovo's 1998-99 war.

The court's three-judge panel found Rustem Mustafa and the two other former fighters guilty of "war crimes through inhumane treatment of civilian detainees and ... beating and torture of civilian detainees," a spokesman for the European Union's mission in Kosovo said.

EU mission spokesman Karin Limdal said Mustafa was sentenced to four years in prison, Latif Gashi was sentenced to six years and Nazif Mehmeti to three years in prison.

New post-Soviet force begins military exercises

ALMATY, Kazakhstan — Thousands of troops from Russia and four other ex-Soviet nations began military exercises in southern Kazakhstan on Friday, the first of their kind for the newly formed NATO-style rapid-reaction force.

Moscow hopes the force will help bolster the power and prestige of the seven-nation Collective Security Treaty Organization, which Russia hopes will help counterbalance NATO.

More than 7,000 troops gathered at the Matybulak training grounds for the maneuvers, which are expected to last two weeks, the Kazakh Defense Ministry said in a statement on its Web site.

Leaders of the member nations finalized the creation of the force in June.

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Pakistan set for assault on al-Qaida, Taliban

Major offensive fraught with challenges

By ASIF SHAHZAD
AND ISHTIAQ MAHSUD
The Associated Press

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's army is readying itself for a major offensive against al-Qaida and the Taliban in their stronghold in South Waziristan, intelligence officials said Friday, an operation likely to win U.S. praise — yet face steep challenges.

The three intelligence officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity, did not specify a time frame, and the army would not confirm a newspaper report the offensive could begin within days. The military still needs final approval from the government and is trying to strike deals with warlords in the northwest region bordering Afghanistan to support it or at stay neutral, the intelligence officials said.

In June, the government said it had ordered the military to wage an offensive in the region aimed at eliminating Baitullah Mehsud, the Pakistani Taliban chief. The army spent weeks cutting off militant escape routes and softening up targets in the tribal region, using limited, intelligence-led ground and airstrikes.

But a U.S. missile ended up killing Mehsud in August, and ever since, it has been unclear whether the military would go full-scale in South Waziristan and take out the rest of his network.

Last week, hundreds of people fled South Waziristan amid speculation that a ramped-up operation was imminent, adding to the tens of thousands vacating the area in the past several months.

It was unclear why officers would leak news

of an operation before it was launched. In past weeks, army spokesmen have repeatedly refused to publicly give a date for a full operation in South Waziristan, saying they do not want to tip off the militants.

South Waziristan is believed to be a possible hiding place for al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden. The military has launched past offensives there, but abandoned them in the face of stiff opposition, at times striking peace deals with militants that collapsed.

The intelligence officers said the army now had the required troops, helicopter gunships, planes and other heavy weapons for targeting militants in South Waziristan at three army bases in the region. They said they were awaiting final approval from top authorities before moving in.

But Mahmood Shah, a former security chief for Pakistan's tribal regions who is well-connected with army officials, said he had yet to see the sort of military movement necessary to go in full force. Shah said there are more than 20,000 troops in South Waziristan and a similar number in neighboring North Waziristan, but not enough for the task at hand.

"I would say the army has decided a ground offensive, but I do not think it is very close," he said. "I am confident there is nothing like this in next 15 days."

Pakistan has won praise in the West over the past year for moving against militants in the frontier region.

The U.S. in particular is keen on eliminating safe havens in Pakistan for militants involved in attacks on American and NATO troops in Afghanistan.



A Pakistani armored vehicle fires toward Taliban positions in Loi Sam, in the Bajur tribal region of Pakistan, last year. Intelligence officials say Pakistan is planning a major new offensive against al-Qaida and the Taliban in South Waziristan.

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Rescue teams save 2

Officials worry 3,000 remain beneath rubble in Indonesia

By IRWAN FIRDAUS
The Associated Press

PADANG, Indonesia — Rescuers pulled two women alive from their collapsed college nearly two days after a powerful earthquake devastated western Indonesia, as cries for help from a flattened hotel spurred the frantic search for more survivors Friday.

One of the survivors high-fived her rescuers as they carried her to safety.

The government said nearly 3,000 may still be trapped under the rubble after Wednesday's 7.6-magnitude quake toppled thousands of buildings on Sumatra island. At least 715 people are already confirmed dead. U.N. spokeswoman Laksmi Noviera in Jakarta said the United Nations fears the toll could rise to 1,100.

Against a grim backdrop of grief and destruction, rescuers found a reason to cheer: Ratna Kurniasari Virgo, 19, an English major sophomore, and Susi Revika Wulan Sari, a teacher were found alive under the rubble of their college in Padang, the Foreign Language School of Prayoga.

Sari was extricated at 6:20 a.m. EDT, almost exactly 48 hours after the college crumbled in the 5.15 p.m. quake on Wednesday. She was pinned down by the rub-

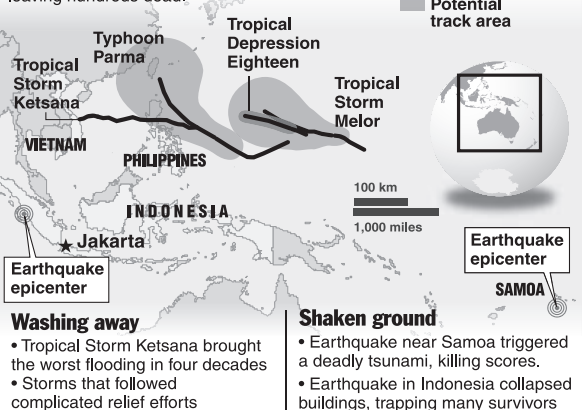


WONG MAYE-E/AP

An Indonesian rescue team on Friday pulls out a survivor, Suci Ravika Wulan Sari, who had been trapped in a building since Wednesday's earthquake in Padang, Indonesia.

One after another

A string of disasters has hit Southeast Asia, leaving hundreds dead.



ble among bodies of her students. "She was conscious. Only her legs and fingers are swollen because she was squeezed," said the institute's director, Teresa Lianawaty. "Thank God! It is a miracle."

Earlier Friday, Virgo was

yanked out, also conscious, after a 40-hour ordeal of being trapped in the rubble.

With excited shouts and giving words of encouragement to each other, rescuers pulled Virgo hands-first from a hole drilled in the debris.

World nations come to South Asia's rescue

United States: Emergency aid worth \$300,000. It has also pledged \$3 million, a Hercules transport aircraft and crew.

European Union: Aid worth \$4.35 million.

Germany: Emergency aid worth \$1.45 million.

South Korea: A 43-person search-and-rescue team and \$500,000 in aid.

China: Emergency aid worth \$500,000. China's Red Cross has also provided \$50,000.

Australia: A team of 10 army engineers and a 36-member civilian search-and-rescue team. A Navy ship equipped with a hospital and a helicopter, which can deliver aid to more inaccessible areas, will sail for Padang in coming days.

Japan: A team of 60 search-and-rescue workers and 23 medical personnel. It will also provide emergency goods such as tents, sleeping mats, blankets and power generators.

Singapore: Has pledged \$50,000 worth of emergency relief supplies, including temporary shelters, blankets and medicine. It has also sent a 42-member Civil Defense Force search, rescue contingent and three helicopters.

Russia: Two aircraft, logistical supplies, medical supplies, doctors, nurses, and a search-and-rescue team with sniffer dogs.

Qatar: An aircraft, search-and-rescue team, logistical supplies.

United Arab Emirates: A 56-member search-and-rescue team, medical supplies, heavy equipment.

Denmark: A six-man crew and camp material.

Switzerland: A search-and-rescue team.

Great Britain: Humanitarian experts to assess the scale of the earthquake damage.

Netherlands: Emergency aid of \$726,850.

From The Associated Press

Second typhoon threatens Philippines

By ROHAN SULLIVAN
The Associated Press

MANILA, Philippines — Filipinos braced Friday to be whipped by powerful winds and pelted with rain from a second typhoon in eight days, fleeing by the tens of thousands from low-lying areas and suspending cleanup operations in the still-flooded capital.

President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo declared a nationwide "state of calamity" and ordered mass evacuations of six provinces in the path of Typhoon Parma, which was expected to hit the main island of Luzon midafternoon Saturday.

Parma threatened to expand more than a week of destruction in the Asia-Pacific region that has claimed more than 1,500 lives so far: an earthquake Wednesday in Indonesia; a tsunami Tuesday in the Samoan islands; and Typhoon Ketsana across Southeast Asia.

Cedric Daep, a top disaster official in the Philippines' Albay province, said officials had evacuated almost 50,000 people to shelters on higher ground. Police and the military were aiding the evacuation as heavy rains fell.

"Our objective is zero casualties," Daep told newspapers.

Parts of the capital, Manila, were still awash from the worst floods in 40 years caused by Ketsana last Saturday. Almost 300 people were killed and more than 2 million had swamped homes.

Parma was forecast to cross the main island of Luzon north of Manila, packing sustained winds of up to 120 mph, gusting up to 140 mph. That puts Parma close to being a "super typhoon."

Weather bureau administrator Frisco Nilo said Friday that a high-pressure system near Hong Kong had caused Parma to slow slightly and might cause it to change direction.

Cleanup continues in Samoa

The Associated Press

LALOMANU, Samoa — Some frightened Samoans who fled to the hills as a tsunami tore through their seaside villages vowed never to return to the coastline, while aid workers delivered water and medicine amid the growing stench of decay.

The death toll from Tuesday's earthquake and tsunami rose to 169 Thursday as searchers found more bodies in Samoa, where 129 were confirmed dead, police commissioner Lilo Maiava told The Associated Press.

Thirty-one others were killed in American Samoa and nine in Tonga.

A refrigerated freight container was used as a temporary morgue for the scores of bodies at a Samoan hospital. Maiava said drowning appeared to be the main cause of death.

Some bodies were still being plucked from the sea, while police dug others from sand, mud and debris. Maiava said the search may last three weeks.

President Barack Obama called American Samoa Gov. Togiola Tulafono on Thursday to convey his

condolences to the families of those killed, the governor said.

Workers at a makeshift emergency supply base began carting water, food, tarps and clothes to 3,000 people who had fled in the hills.

A Red Cross spokesman said drinking water was the most pressing problem. The water pipes that supply the villages were destroyed.

Samoan government minister Fiana Naomi asked about 400 grieving relatives for permission to hold a mass funeral next Tuesday. She said the government would provide free coffins. She said other bodies had already been buried due to advanced decomposition in the tropical conditions.

"Nothing makes sense at all," Lalomanu resident Ben Taufua said.

"The beach where all of this happened, all those lives were lost, it was paradise on Earth." In nearby Tonga, National Disaster Management Office deputy director Alfred Soakai said 90 percent of the buildings on the northern island of Niuas were washed away, with the local hospital destroyed.



BRETT PHIBBS, NZ HERALD/AP

Villager Lino Leifi sits where his family's home was before the tsunami devastation on Samoa as villagers start to clean their destroyed houses on Wednesday.



MARIE MATARLO
Courtesy of the U.S. Marine Corps

2nd Lt. Francis Kimenyi with Marine Wing Support Squadron 172 loads a humvee in Manila with family food packs on Thursday for delivery to those affected by Tropical Storm Ketsana.

OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BOOK MONTH

10 must-reads for fall

By Tom Beer, *Newsday*

Fall is traditionally the season when publishers bring out their brightest literary lights. And this year, they're offering a real embarrassment of riches.

Already in September we've had new books from E.L. Doctorow and Lorrie Moore (her first in 11 years), and this week brought Edward M. Kennedy's memoir, John Krakauer's book on friendly-fire casualty Pat Tillman, and a thriller from some guy named Dan Brown. Looking ahead, here are 10 books on our must-read list as the days grow shorter.

JULIET, NAKED
by Nick Hornby
(Riverhead, Sept. 29)

The wonderfully witty author of "High Fidelity" and "About a Boy" delivers another novel

of musical obsession, this time about a reclusive, possibly washed-up singer-songwriter and the supergeek fan whose own life — and marriage — have bottomed out. Does anyone get a second chance?

THE CLINTON TAPES
by Taylor Branch
(Simon & Schuster, Sept. 29)

Branch, the Pulitzer Prize-winning historian of the civil rights movement ("Parting the Waters"), tape-recorded 79 conversations with Bill Clinton over the course of Clinton's two terms in office. After all these years (and all the dramas) we may think we know Bill — but Branch's intimate portrait is sure to offer surprises, not to mention an up-close look at the trials and tribulations of the presidency.

THE CHILDREN'S BOOK
by A.S. Byatt
(Alfred A. Knopf, Oct. 6)

Byatt dazzled readers nearly 20 years ago with "Possession," a grand romance about literary scholars and the Victorian poets they're studying. Byatt's new novel looks just as ambitious: "The Children's Book" revolves around the life of an English children's book author from 1895 to 1919, and three families whose lives are intertwined with hers as Europe tumbles into World War I.

HALF BROKE HORSES
by Jeannette Walls
(Scribner, Oct. 6)

Walls knocked our socks off with her first book, "The Glass Castle," a captivating memoir

of her itinerant childhood and irresponsible parents. Now she's back with the fictionalized tale of her salty West Texas grandmother, who flew airplanes, managed a cattle ranch and even ran bootleg liquor.

CHRONIC CITY
by Jonathan Lethem
(Doubleday, Oct. 13)

Brooklyn bard Lethem ("Motherless Brooklyn," "The Fortress of Solitude") crosses the river into Manhattan — mixing fact with fantasy — in this far-out tale of a former child star, his astronaut fiancée, a pot-smoking cultural critic and an anarchist-turned-political hack. Did we mention the giant tiger at large on the city streets?

THE MUSEUM OF INNOCENCE
by Orhan Pamuk
(Alfred A. Knopf, Oct. 26)

The Nobel Prize-winning Turkish author ("Snow," "My Name Is Red") writes of illicit love and romantic obsession in 1970s Istanbul, where a traditional culture is grappling with new sexual freedoms. A man engaged to be married falls in love with a shopgirl — a distant relation — and collects small keepsakes of their affair: his museum and consolation prize when the affair ends.

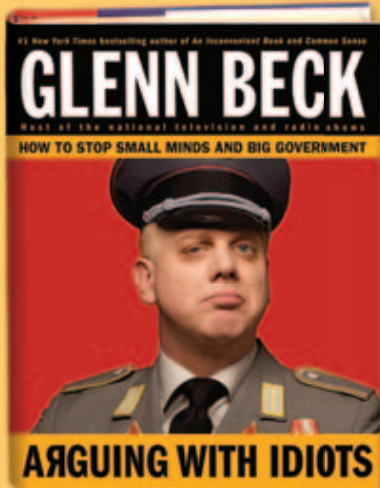
LIT
by Mary Karr
(Harper, Nov. 3)

Poet Karr's bestselling 1995 memoir, "The Liar's Club," launched a thousand true-life

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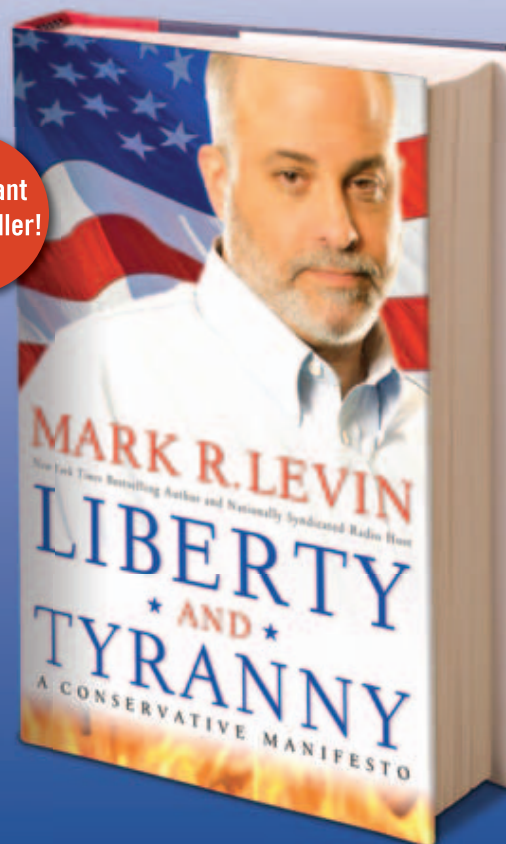
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stories of troubled childhood. (Karr's took place in East Texas, with a drunken mother.) Her new memoir shows Karr's troubles didn't end with adulthood: "Lit" chronicles the dark years before her literary success, including a bad marriage, some drinking of her own and a suicide attempt.

THE AUDACITY TO WIN
by David Plouffe
(Viking, Nov. 3)

The presidential campaign of 2008 already seems a distant memory – but it was undoubtedly one of the more fascinating contests in recent times. Barack Obama's campaign manager promises to detail the strategies and behind-the-scene struggles that led to that historic November victory.

EVENING'S EMPIRE
by Zachary Lazar
(Little, Brown, Nov. 8)

Edward Lazar was an Arizona accountant who was

murdered in a Phoenix parking garage in 1975 after getting involved in a multimillion-dollar real estate deal gone bad. His son, Zachary (author of the novel "Sway"), channels Joan Didion in this unapologetically literary account of his father's murder (the author has conducted research and interviews on the case but also "imagined" scenes).

UNDER THE DOME
by Stephen King
(Scribner, Nov. 10)

King returns to doorstep mode with this 1,000-plus page novel – billed by King's publisher as his biggest since "The Stand." It also returns the author to the territory he knows best: Maine. On a fall day in Chester's Mill, an invisible dome descends and cuts off the town, leading to chaos. An Iraq war vet, now working as a short-order cook, intends to get to the bottom of the mystery.

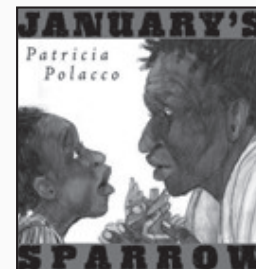
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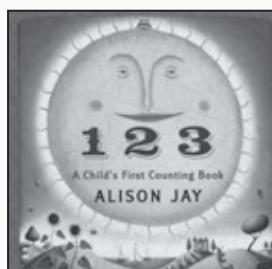
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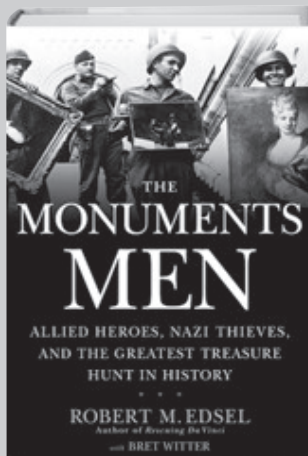
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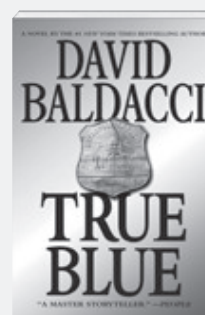


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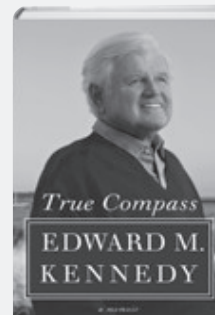
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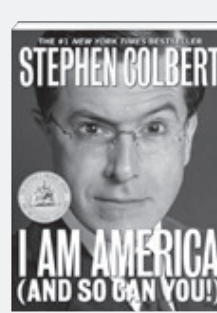
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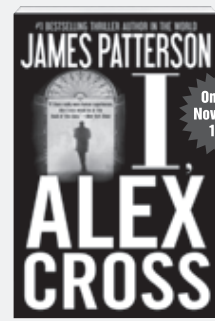
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Life for S. Africans lacks special effects, but not poverty

BY ERIN CONWAY-SMITH
GlobalPost

For Solomon Balyoi, acting as an extra in the sci-fi film "District 9" wasn't much of a stretch.

Balyoi played a security guard tasked with evicting aliens from their squalid shacks. In real life, he lives in that neighborhood. In fact, one of the helicopter scenes was shot in the clearing next to his makeshift house, in between the mounds of trash, scrub and tin shacks that make up the Chiawelo area of Soweto.

"District 9" is now a box office hit and images of Chiawelo have been seen by moviegoers around the world. The movie's sweeping shots of the grim, grimy areas that are cordoned off for the aliens have inadvertently drawn attention to South Africa's housing crisis. Fifteen years after apartheid, millions of black South Africans still live in squatter camps and are growing impatient for better living conditions.

In "District 9," Chiawelo is depicted as a place so dire that it is only fit for alien refugees who landed in Johannesburg from another planet. But for Balyoi, 47, it is the place where he has lived since 1987 when he built the tiny home from scraps and crumbling bricks.

"This place has been a nightmare," Balyoi said of his neighborhood, not the movie. "There has been a lot of violence and also even children have been raped. Because of poverty, people fight amongst each other."

"District 9," directed by South African native Neill Blomkamp, has reached blockbuster status with its mix of science fiction and themes drawn from the country's apartheid history, as well as the more recent xenophobic violence in South Africa's townships. The \$30 million film has grossed more than \$100 million so far.



INSET: COURTESY OF SONY PICTURES/AP; OTHERS BY SCHALK VAN ZUYDAM/AP

Top: A boy stands outside a house in a township on the outskirts of Cape Town, South Africa, on Sept. 16. Above: A vendor sells food in front of Gugulethu Health Centre on the outskirts of Cape Town. South Africa has a backlog of 2 million to 3 million government-built "RDP houses" to construct for the nation's poorest.

"The film has actually brought some development in our lives," said Balyoi. "The department of housing had forgotten about us. But after the film everyone is paying attention to how we live."

"This place has been a nightmare. There has been a lot of violence and also even children have been raped."

Solomon Balyoi

But Balyoi is still waiting for his family to be moved into the government-subsidized housing that is provided for South Africa's poorest citizens. There are long waiting lists for the brick, three-room "RDP houses," nicknamed after the government's "reconstruction and development program" that is providing them.

Since apartheid ended in 1994, the government has provided an estimated 1.1 million brick dwellings with running water, electricity and secure tenure for 5 million black South Africans. But the backlog of people needing decent housing is so great

that a further 2 million to 3 million houses must be built, according to government figures.

Another Chiawelo resident, Thabang Thusi, 23, watched his neighbors move into government houses but is still waiting for his own. He has lived in his tin shack for 16 years — first with his parents, but after they died, alone — and has been waiting for years to be moved but says he can't afford to pay a bribe to speed up the process.

Thusi's shack stands in an area surrounded by the rubble of torn-down homes. There used to be many more shacks in the area, as seen in the crowded slum scenes in "District 9," but many of the former residents have since been moved into "RDP houses" and their shacks removed.

"It's very hard to live here because this shack is not stable," he said. "When it's raining, the water gets inside. The shack gets surrounded on the outside by water and it's always difficult to survive. It's not conducive to a healthy environment."

Officials ban film for depiction of Nigerians

BY BASHIR ADIGUN
The Associated Press

ABUJA, Nigeria — One of the summer's biggest blockbusters — a sci-fi morality tale about aliens and apartheid — is not welcome in Nigeria because of its portrayal of Nigerians as gangsters and cannibals, Nigeria's information minister said.

Information Minister Dora Akunyili asked movie houses in the capital of Abuja to stop screening "District 9" because it makes Nigerians look bad.

"We have directed that they should stop public screening of the film," she said.

Akunyili said she has asked Sony for an apology and wants them to edit out references to Nigeria and to the name of the main Nigerian gangster, Obesandjo, whose name closely resembles that of former Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo.

In one scene, Obesandjo tries to cut off and eat the arm of the film's protagonist in an attempt to gain his supernatural powers. In others, Nigerian prostitutes are seen courting alien customers.

Corlize Luttig, marketing manager for the South African cinema chain Ster-Kinekor, which represents Sony in South Africa, said it had no comment on the request by Akunyili. Ster-Kinekor does not distribute to Nigeria, she said.

IN THE STATES

Poles, Czechs offered missile defense roles

By WALTER PINCUS
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Poland and the Czech Republic are being offered roles in the Obama administration's new plan to defend Europe against Iran's development and deployment of ballistic missiles, senior administration officials told Congress on Thursday.

Obama's decision two weeks ago to halt the Bush administration's plan to put 10 missile interceptors in Poland and radar in the Czech Republic was based on a new intelligence assessment in May that said Iran has slowed its development of an intercontinental ballistic missile that could strike the United States. Instead, the report said, Iran is focused on rapid production of a shorter-range missile that could be used to attack Israel and other countries in the region.

On Thursday, the undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, Ellen Tauscher, told the House Armed Services Committee that the new plan, which is to use ship-based Aegis radars and their related Standard missile interceptors, would be "a very robust system that deals with the current threat now and protects NATO allies first."

Tauscher said the multiple Iranian missile launches earlier this week "visibly demonstrate the nature of this threat."

She added, "We have offered the Poles a future piece of the SM-3 (Standard missile-3) deployment" and "we're working



Ellen Tauscher

on a number of different things" for the Czechs. Lt. Gen. Patrick O'Reilly, director of the Defense Missile Agency, said one possibility was putting command and control facilities in the Czech Republic.

When several Republicans on the panel questioned whether the U.S. homeland remained vulnerable to the possibility that Iran could develop an ICBM capable of hitting the United States before the new 2015 to 2020 estimate, Gen. James Cartwright, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said that to counter such a threat from Iran, the United States' "primary capability still resides" in missile defense interceptors in Alaska and California.



Stuart Levey, a U.S. Treasury undersecretary, said he and his colleagues provide banks with info about North Korea that they would not be able to obtain without U.S. government help.

AP

U.S. pressures N. Korea into talks via banks

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration's push to settle a tense nuclear standoff with North Korea is being spearheaded not by soldiers on a battlefield or big-name diplomats but by government officials knocking on the doors of banks throughout Asia.

American officials are traveling around Asia, targeting private banks that might have North Korean ties. They hope to block money that could be used for missiles and nuclear bombs and, ultimately, to drive North Korea back to stalled disarmament talks.

The strategy is simple, according to interviews with past and current U.S. officials responsible for implementing it.

The officials tell bankers that North Korea uses its accounts to hide counterfeiting of U.S. currency, to launder money, to smuggle cigarettes and drugs. The banks could face potentially dire consequences if they were seen as helping illicit activities.

Juan Zarate, a senior counterterrorism adviser to former President George W. Bush who helped develop the strategy, said in an interview that the U.S. effort to "harness the financial furies" is "making it very uncomfortable

for the North Koreans to do business at all beyond their borders."

Some, however, question whether the strategy is counterproductive and could cause North Korea to lash out or become more entrenched.

"Financial sanctions used in the service of regime change is a very, very dangerous weapon, which could lead them to military retaliation," said Selig Harrison, a North Korea specialist at the Center for International Policy.

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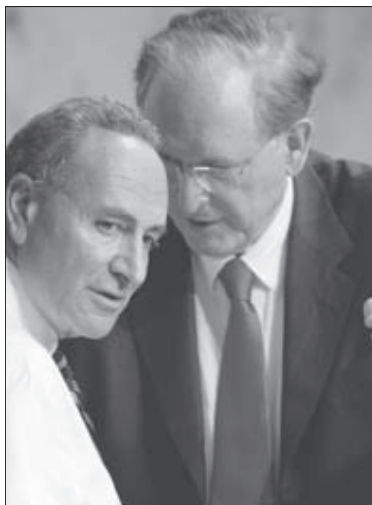
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Health bill looks headed for Senate debate



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Senate Finance Committee members Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., left, talks with Sen. John Rockefeller, D-W.V., during a Senate Finance Committee hearing on health care reform legislation Thursday in Washington.

By ERICA WERNER
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Barack Obama has pushed closer than any president in generations to creating a basic health care safety net for most Americans, yet the fate of legislation to deliver on his promise is far from certain.

The most far-reaching overhaul in decades aims to protect millions who have unreliable insurance coverage or none at all in the only major industrialized country without universal health care.

A final, formal vote in the Senate Finance Committee was expected early this week. But Democrats hold a 13-10 majority on the panel, and Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, anticipating the outcome, already has announced a historic Senate debate will begin at mid-month.

Obama hailed the developments as a milestone and said: "We are now closer than ever before to finally passing reform that will offer security to those who have coverage and affordable insurance to those who don't."

The bill was written to appeal to Democratic moderates at least as much as the party's more numerous liberals, a step Sen. Max Baucus, the Finance Committee's Democratic chairman, said was the

only way to amass a 60-vote majority in the Senate.

That is necessary to defeat arcane Senate rules that require three-fifths of senators to quash stalling tactics that Republicans are certain to use.

The bill is the only one of several versions in circulation in Congress to have the hope of Republican support. Still, Republicans on the Finance Committee attacked the bill to the end as riddled with tax increases that violate Obama's campaign pledges, but they failed to have any of them removed.

The measure, like a companion bill under construction in the House, would bar insurance companies from denying coverage or charging higher premiums based on pre-existing medical conditions. It also includes federal subsidies to make insurance available to millions who lack it, and it takes steps to slow the skyrocketing growth in health care costs nationwide.

Supporters said the overhaul's cost was in the range that Obama has set, about \$900 billion over a decade, and would not raise federal deficits. After days spent largely turning aside Republican demands for changes in the bill, Senate Democrats coalesced behind two of their own that could alter the legislation in significant ways.

One would allow states to negotiate with insurers to arrange coverage for people with incomes slightly higher than the cut-off for Medicaid, the government health care program for the poor.

The second, which passed on a 22-1 vote, would exempt millions of people from a requirement in the bill that people must buy insurance and to reduce penalties on millions more who defy the mandate.

Originally, the bill required individuals and families to buy coverage as long as it cost no more than 10 percent of their incomes. Under the change, that would be lowered to 8 percent.

Republicans are almost unified in opposition. Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell warned Friday that the latest version, completed about 2 a.m. Friday by the Senate Finance Committee but not yet formally ratified by the panel, would have "a dampening effect on what is already clearly a very, very difficult economic situation."

McConnell argued that the bill would cut benefits for elderly Americans and raise taxes on individuals and businesses, which he said a nation reeling from recession and widespread job losses can ill afford.

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Central Europe	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
12:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	-
12:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	FNG	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	DownRange	Grill Sergeants, The
01:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
01:30 AM	DownRange	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	This Week in the Pentagon
02:00 AM	-	Recon	Recon	Recon	Recon	Recon	USARJ This Week
02:30 AM	-	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	State Department Daily Briefing	Grill Sergeants, The	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG
03:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Air Force Football with Troy Calhoun	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
03:30 AM	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	Battleground
03:45 AM	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	-
04:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Grill Sergeants, The	FNG	FNG	Recon Revisited
04:30 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
05:00 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
05:30 AM	EXchange On Air	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Today's Air Force
06:00 AM	All Hands TV	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	FNG
06:30 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	DownRange	Army Newswatch
07:00 AM	Recon Revisited	FNG	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
07:15 AM	-	-	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
07:30 AM	American Veteran, The	Recon	EXchange On Air	Recon	Balad and Beyond	Recon Revisited	Grill Sergeants, The
08:00 AM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
08:30 AM	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground	Battleground
09:00 AM	This Week in the Pentagon	Tour of Duty	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Army Newswatch	Ft Hood On Track
09:30 AM	Army Newswatch	This Week in the Pentagon	Recon	Recon Revisited	FNG	EXchange On Air	This Week in the Pentagon
10:00 AM	Grill Sergeants, The	VA News	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Recon
10:15 AM	-	Pacific Report	-	-	-	-	-
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11:30 AM	FNG	Army Newswatch	FNG	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	All Hands TV	This Week in the Pentagon
12:00 PM	Today's Air Force	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Grill Sergeants, The
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02:30 PM	Grill Sergeants, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report	Pacific Report
02:45 PM	-	-	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report	AFN Europe Report
03:00 PM	Around the Services	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Special Event Encore	Army Newswatch
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05:15 PM	-	AFN Europe Report	-	-	-	-	-
05:30 PM	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty	Fit for Duty
06:00 PM	Benning Report, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Recon	Today's Air Force	American Veteran, The	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services
06:30 PM	Grill Sergeants, The	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services	Around the Services
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Not-guilty plea entered in Letterman plot

By DAVID BAUDER
The Associated Press

NEW YORK — A CBS News employee pleaded not guilty Friday to trying to blackmail David Letterman for \$2 million in a plot that spurred the TV host to acknowledge sexual relationships with women who worked on his show.

Robert J. "Joe" Halderman, a producer for the true-crime show "48 Hours," entered the plea in a Manhattan court as he was arraigned on one count of attempted first-degree grand larceny, punishable by five to 15 years upon conviction. Bail was set at \$200,000.

Assistant District Attorney Judy Salwen told the judge Halderman was in debt, but did not elaborate. "The evidence is compelling," she said. "It shows the defendant is desperate, and he is capable of doing anything."

His lawyer, Gerald Shargel, said Hal-

derman worked at CBS for 27 years and had no prior criminal record.

Prosecutors say Halderman demanded \$2 million last month in exchange for not releasing information that would ruin Letterman's reputation. Letterman told his viewers Thursday that the threat concerned sexual liaisons with female staffers.

The district attorney's office said Halderman left a letter and other material for Letterman early Sept. 9. He wrote that he needed "to make a large chunk of money" by selling Letterman a screenplay.

The supposed materials said Letterman's world would "collapse around him" when information about his private life was



Letterman

disclosed, leading to "a ruined reputation" and damaging his professional and family life, prosecutors said.

Letterman immediately contacted his lawyer, who arranged a meeting with Halderman. At the meeting, Halderman demanded \$2 million to keep the material secret, the district attorney's office said.

After the meeting, Letterman and his lawyer contacted the DA's office, and the investigation began.

In an extraordinary monologue before millions of viewers, the late-night host admitted that he had sexual relationships with female employees. Letterman said that "this whole thing has been quite scary," but he mixed in jokes while outlining what had happened to him.

Three weeks ago, Letterman said, he got in his car early in the morning and found a package with the letter saying, "I know that you do some terrible, terrible things and that I can prove that you do some ter-

rible things." He acknowledged the letter contained proof.

A law enforcement official told The Associated Press that the district attorney's office set up the undercover sting operation at the Jumeirah Essex House hotel in Manhattan.

Detectives were in an adjoining room with recording equipment and surveillance as Letterman's attorney met with Halderman and discussed terms of the extortion, the official said.

There were two subsequent meetings, with the man given a phony \$2 million check at the last one. Letterman joked on his show it was like the giant ceremonial check given to winners of golf tournaments.

He told the audience that he had to testify before a grand jury on Thursday.

"I was worried for myself. I was worried for my family," he said. "I felt menaced by this, and I had to tell them all of the creepy things that I had done."

Smart testifies abductor raped her daily

By JENNIFER DOBNER
The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — At knifepoint, Elizabeth Smart was abducted from her girlhood bedroom, she said, then led to a secluded mountain campsite where a self-proclaimed prophet made her his 14-year-old polygamous "wife" in a quickie ceremony.

"After that he proceeded to rape me," Smart, now 21, said in her first public accounting.

Brian David Mitchell, 55, a one-time street preacher, is accused of holding Smart captive for nine months. He has been behind bars since 2003 — mostly in a state mental hospital — but has yet to stand trial.

At a court proceeding Thursday over Mitchell's mental competency, Smart gave the horrifying account of her 2002 abduction.

She testified that her captor raped her three or four times a day and threatened to kill her if she yelled or tried to escape.

Asked by a prosecutor to describe Mitchell, Smart replied, "Evil, wicked, manipulative, stinky, slimy, greedy, selfish, not spiritual, not religious, not close to God."

Smart was rescued in March 2003 after a motorist spotted her walking the streets of a Salt Lake



COLIN BRALEY/AP

Elizabeth Smart smiles as she leaves court after testifying at a competency hearing for her alleged kidnapper, Brian David Mitchell, on Thursday in Salt Lake City.

City suburb with Mitchell and his wife, Wanda Eileen Barzee.

Twice Mitchell has been ruled mentally incompetent in state court, and he has often demonstrated bizarre behavior, including incessantly singing hymns in the courtroom and once yelling at a judge to repent.

A federal judge ruled earlier this week that Smart's testimony is relevant to the question of

Mitchell's competency. Mitchell's competency hearing is not set to begin until Nov. 30, but Smart testified early because she is going on a religious mission for the Mormon church in Paris.

In the days immediately following the 2002 kidnapping, Mitchell held Smart captive with the help of a 10-foot cable bolted to her leg, she said.

"He told me he was a prophet,"

Smart said under cross-examination. "He said he was the voice of God on Earth and that he would reign over God's children until Jesus came."

But she also said his religious revelations seemed to come only when he wanted something, or when he was trying to calm his wife. Smart said she believed Mitchell always knew that he could be punished for her kidnapping and understood how the court system worked.

She said he gave her an alias and told her what to say to police if they were ever questioned. He also bragged about skirting previous accusations of sexual abuse and fooling others, Smart said.

Never in nine months did Mitchell appear confused or out of control, Smart testified.

Smart had wanted to face her alleged tormentor Thursday, said her father, Ed Smart, but Mitchell was removed from the courtroom for disruptive behavior before Smart arrived.

"She asked if he could be muzzled and sit and watch," Ed Smart said.

Mitchell is charged in state court with kidnapping and sexual assault. Last year, he was indicted on federal charges of kidnapping and transporting a minor across state lines.

Infant still missing as police pursue leads

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Police in Tennessee are still looking for a snatched infant and his abductor with growing concern.

Yair Anthony Carillo was taken from his home Tuesday, four days after he was born to 30-year-old Maria Gurrola. She says a heavy-set white woman with blonde hair posed as an immigration agent, attacked her with a kitchen knife, then took the boy.

Police say they are getting leads every hour, but are still concerned for the baby's safety.

Metro Nashville Police said they aren't ready to release a sketch of the suspect.

Coroner: Jackson was healthy before death

LOS ANGELES — Michael Jackson's physical condition, detailed in his autopsy report obtained by The Associated Press, indicates the entertainer died while in good health.

The Los Angeles County coroner's report shows Jackson's weight was acceptable, his heart was strong and most organs were functioning normally.

The singer did have arthritis in the lower spine and some fingers and mild plaque buildup in his leg arteries. His lungs were also chronically inflamed.

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Fossil sheds new light on evolution

Earliest known hominid discovered

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The story of humankind is reaching back another million years as scientists learn more about "Ardi," a hominid who lived 4.4 million years ago in what is now Ethiopia.

The 110-pound, 4-foot female roamed forests a million years before the famous Lucy, long studied as the earliest skeleton of a human ancestor.

This older skeleton reverses the common wisdom of human evolution, said anthropologist C. Owen Lovejoy of Kent State University.

Rather than humans evolving from an ancient chimplike creature, the new find provides evidence that chimps and humans evolved from some long-ago common ancestor — but each evolved and changed separately along the way.

"This is not that common ancestor, but it's the closest we have ever been able to come," said Tim White, director of the Human Evolution Research Center at the University of California, Berkeley.

The lines that evolved into

modern humans and living apes probably shared an ancestor 6 million to 7 million years ago, White said.

But Ardi has many traits that do not appear in modern-day African apes, leading to the conclusion that the apes evolved extensively since we shared that last common ancestor.

A study of Ardi, under way since the first bones were discovered in 1994, indicates the species lived in the woodlands and could climb on all fours along tree branches, but the development of their arms and legs indicates they didn't spend much time in the trees. They could walk upright, on two legs, when on the ground.

Formally dubbed *Ardipithecus ramidus* — which means root of the ground ape — the find is detailed in 11 research papers published Thursday by the journal *Science*.

"This is one of the most important discoveries for the study of human evolution," said David Pilbeam, curator of paleoanthropology at Harvard's Peabody Museum of Archaeology and Ethnology.

Adding a link

Scientists have discovered the oldest prehuman ancestor found to date, nicknamed "Ardi."

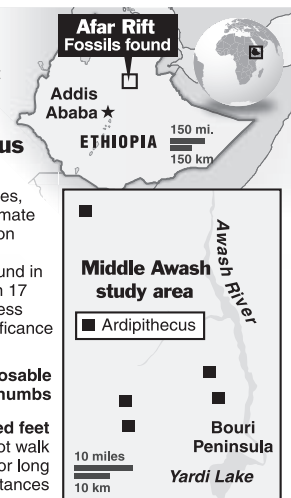


Ardipithecus ramidus

- Hominid species, a prehuman primate
- Lived 4.4 million years ago
- First fossils found in 1992; has taken 17 years to assess their significance

Opposable thumbs

No arched feet
Could not walk or run for long distances



Source: *Science*, Illustrations by J.H. Matternes MCT



MATT ROURKE/AP

A Long Range Acoustic Device is mounted atop a law enforcement vehicle on the streets of Pittsburgh on Sept. 24 during the G-20 economic summit. Police dispersed protesters at the summit with the device, which emits a beam of earsplitting alarm tones that legal groups say are potentially dangerous.

Crowd-control noise device raises concerns

By JOE MANDAK
The Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Police ordered protesters to disperse at the Group of 20 summit on Sept. 24 with a device that can beam earsplitting alarm tones and verbal instructions that the manufacturer likens to a "spotlight of sound," but that legal groups called potentially dangerous.

The device, called a Long Range Acoustic Device, concentrates voice commands and a car alarmlike sound in a 30- or 60-degree cone that can be heard nearly two miles away. The volume measures 140-150 decibels three feet away — louder than a jet engine — but dissipates with distance.

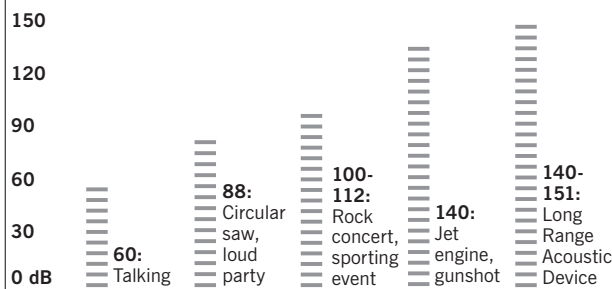
Robert Putnam, spokesman for the manufacturer, San Diego-based American Technology Corp., said it's "like a big spotlight of sound that you can shine on people."

"It's not a sonic cannon. It's not the death ray or anything like that," Putnam said. "It's about long-range communications being heard intelligibly."

During the Pittsburgh protests, police used the device to order demonstrators to disperse and to play a high-pitched "de-

Sound comparisons

Volume, in decibels, of some everyday sounds and the maximum volume of a Long Range Acoustic Device:



Sources: University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, American Technology Corp., The Associated Press

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terrent tone" designed to drive people away. It was the first time the device was used in a riot-control situation on U.S. soil, according to American Technology and police.

Those who heard it said authorities' voice commands were clear and sounded as if they were coming from everywhere all at once. They described the "deterrent tone" as unbearable.

Witold "Vic" Walczak, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union in Pennsylvania,

said the device is a military weapon capable of producing permanent hearing loss, something he called "an invitation to an excessive-force lawsuit."

Catherine Palmer, director of audiology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, said 140 decibels can cause immediate hearing loss. But there's no way to know if anyone was exposed to sounds that loud without knowing how far away they were, she said.

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A look at news that shapes our world, from beyond our planet to the frontiers of medical technology, energy development and the earth's changing climate.

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Jon Gosselin says show must not go on

The father of the children on "Jon & Kate Plus 8" says it's "not healthy" for his kids to continue appearing on the TLC reality show.

Jon Gosselin says he had "an epiphany one day" and realized his 5-year-old sextuplets and 8-year-old twins shouldn't be filmed at the family's Pennsylvania home while their parents are going through a divorce.

Gosselin's comments came during an hourlong interview on CNN's "Larry King Live" Thursday.

TLC network has shut down filming of the children on "Jon & Kate Plus 8" after receiving a cease-and-desist order from Gosselin.

In a statement, the network said

production would remain suspended "pending further conversations" between both Gosselins. Filming not directly involving the kids is ongoing, TLC said Thursday.

"It appears that Jon's priority is Jon and his interests," his estranged wife, Kate Gosselin, said in a statement on Thursday. "My priority remains our children and their well being."

Jon Gosselin says that though his family has earned \$1 million for appearing on the show, he wants production "to stop completely." He told King that, in retrospect, he wishes his family hadn't done the show at all.

Wed for a decade, the Gosselins filed for divorce in June, after weeks of reports of marital discord and infidelities, which both spouses denied. The couple made their separation official on a "Jon & Kate" episode seen by 10.6 million

viewers.

On Monday, TLC announced that the weekly series would be renamed "Kate Plus Eight," with a reduced involvement by Jon Gosselin, though he remains under "an exclusive contract" with TLC.

Palin's book already a hit

Just two days after HarperCollins announced that Sarah Palin's "Going Rogue" had been moved up from the spring to Nov. 17, preorders Wednesday night for the former Alaska governor's memoir made it No. 1 on both Amazon.com and Barnes & Noble.com.

Palin, in collaboration with author Lynn Vincent, completed her 400-page book just four months after agreeing to terms with HarperCollins, which plans a first printing of 1.5 million copies. It's the first book by Palin, the 2008 Republican vice presidential candidate and former governor of Alaska.

— The Associated Press



Gosselin



AP

Oprah's precious moment

Winfrey, Tyler Perry team up to promote hard-hitting movie

Oprah Winfrey was so taken by Sapphire's novel "Push" that she read it more than once.

Yet even though the talk-show host has made bestsellers of unknown books, Winfrey didn't think even her staggering influence could make "Push" — the story of an obese, illiterate black teen who suffers unspeakable abuse — something that millions would want to read.

"I would never even think of presenting that book as a book club selection because people would think I had lost my mind," Winfrey said recently.

So when Winfrey heard producer and director Lee Daniels had adapted Sapphire's book into the acclaimed movie "Precious," with an all-star cast including Mo'Nique, Mariah Carey, Lenny Kravitz and others, she was so impressed that she decided to lend her coveted endorsement to the film by signing on as its executive producer, along with hit filmmaker Tyler Perry.

"That is why we are both here, to applaud the brilliance of Lee because I can't imagine what kind of brain thinks that they can bring that to life," she said. "Who thinks you can take that book and turn it into a movie?"

"Precious" stars unknown actress Gabourey Sidibe as a girl who endures an abusive mother, an incestuous father and extreme poverty in a journey of redemption. Though Winfrey and Perry realize the subject matter may be too grim for some, they hope their backing will get more people to see the film when it is released stateside on Nov. 6.

In a joint interview, the two spoke about "Precious" and about Hollywood success.

The Associated Press: In an age when the world now sees images of African-American young

women such as Sasha and Malia Obama, why is it still important to tell the story of girls like Precious?

Winfrey: For as many stories as there are hues and colors and variations of colors in the African-American race, this is just one. I feel about this story the same way I felt about "The Color Purple." It is now 24 years ago that we did that movie. This feels like a modern-day "Color Purple." Precious feels like a Celie who lives in Harlem. The story of abuse in our community and in many communities is still a taboo subject. The story and the arc of hope and possibility and empowerment is an evergreen, timeless story that I think this generation, the generation before us and many generations to come will also be entertained and inspired by. This story has no limitations.

Perry: This story has not been told yet and it is still going on. It is still present in our society and I think that somebody had to do it. I am so glad that Lee Daniels did it and I just wanted to support. He had already told this story so we are just here for support.

AP: You're both successful. That being said, what makes you want to continue to give back to others when you could easily just focus on your own projects?

Winfrey: One of the reasons why I am still doing what I am doing and we remain the No. 1 talk show for the past 24 years is because I stay connected to the essence of who I am. I make a living out of being myself. You can't turn your back on who you are nor where you came from. I have great respect for that. I have not only a respect, but a sense of reverence for that.

— Alicia Quarles/
The Associated Press



AP

Tyler Perry and Oprah Winfrey attend a premiere of "Precious" in Toronto.

CYRUS TO APPEAR IN 'SEX' SEQUEL

As if Miley Cyrus needed more exposure ... Rumor has it the Disney teen queen will make a cameo appearance in the upcoming "Sex and the City" movie sequel. The scene is said to show Miley and Kim Cattrall, aka Samantha Jones, showing up on a red carpet wearing the same dress. Scandal! Hope there's no stripper pole involved. And that the twice-worn dress in the movie is a less-frightful frock than the one Miley wore Sept. 19 to the VH1 Divas concert (above). Even Samantha probably has better taste than that.

— The Kansas City Star



AP

HOLLYWOOD LIKE HIGH SCHOOL

Actress Amanda Seyfried says Hollywood is just like high school. The "Jennifer's Body" co-star admits that many of the women in Tinseltown act like catty teenage girls, and adds, "The popular people love the other popular people. And the thing is, some people aren't nice. Or they are nice, but only to your face, not elsewhere."

— Wireless Flash

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Q I loved French actress Juliette Binoche in "The English Patient" and "Dan in Real Life." Is it true that she also paints and writes poetry? — Andy Miller, Dallas

A Mais oui! The Oscar winner tells us, "Now I'm past 40, and I am ready to try so many things. I don't think of myself as a star — I think of myself as an artist, so I have to experiment." Binoche is currently touring in a dance-theater work, her portraits and poems are on show in New York, and her latest movie, the family drama "Paris," is now in stateside theaters.

Q Didn't the O'Jays do the song "Stairway to Heaven" first? — Clarence Miles, Henrico, Va.

A Led Zeppelin's Robert Plant and Jimmy Page finished recording the rock classic in 1971. The great Philadelphia soul group the O'Jays ("Back Stabbers," "Love Train") released a beautiful song by the same name on their 1975 album, Family Reunion. Copyright law does not protect song titles.

Q U.S. vice presidents tend to be seen as buffoons. Has this always been so? — Jack Runyan, McAllen, Texas

A It's a pretty thankless job no matter how you slice it. Presidential historian Michael Beschloss tells us that since the 1930s, "almost every vice president has actually run for president or considered doing so, at the same time trying ostentatiously to show the president that he's not eager to usurp power. Sometimes they go to such extremes that it does seem a little bit comic." We wish we found it funnier.

Q The Syfy channel's "Ghost Hunters" frequently claim they have scientific evidence of encounters with the spirit world. Your thoughts? — Jerry Warden, Bartlett, Ill.

A For clarity we turned to our favorite skeptic, magician James Randi, whose foundation offers a \$1 million prize for positive evidence of an actual paranormal event. "The Ghost Hunters examine 'haunted houses' with overtuned instruments," he tells us. "Combing your hair would set them off. I have never said that there are no ghosts. I'm merely saying, 'Show me.'"

Q Arsenio Hall's talk show used to be the hottest ticket in town. What happened to him? — Patti Anne Hamilton, San Diego

A Hall, 53, is still feisty and funny, and these days he's busy being a father to Arsenio Jr., 10. "I needed some balance," he tells us. Speaking of balance, what did he think of old flame Paula Abdul's quitting "American Idol"? "Let's not forget Paula is not Judge Judy," he says. "She's a creative being, as crazy as my baby can be, and she probably wants to do something new. The most fun



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"Shakespeare in Love," starring Joseph Fiennes as the title character, received 13 Oscar nominations in 1998.

I've ever had in any phase of my life with a woman was with Paula." More recently, Hall had fun playing a pimp named Tasty Freeze in the upcoming satire of blaxploitation films "Black Dynamite." For more unalloyed Arsenio, go to Parade.com/arsenio

Q Is R. Lee Ermey, who played the terrifying drill instructor in "Full Metal Jacket," still close to the military? — Bill Nelson, Washington, D.C.

A Vietnam vet Ermey, 65, makes regular visits to U.S. troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. "I'm surprised to find the kids' motivation and morale so high," he tells us. "They're honorable, strong, trustworthy, loyal — everything that we ever were in the old days. The difference between the new Corps and the old is simply that they have cooler weapons now."

Q Comedies never seem to win Best Picture Oscars. Does the Academy hate funny movies? — James Santomen, Lakehurst, N.J.

A Could be. Over the Awards' 81-year history, only a handful of humorous films has taken Best Picture honors, including "The Sting" (1973) and "Shakespeare in Love" (1998). Any possible 2009 contender? Don't hold your breath.

Q Tennis star Serena Williams obscenely threatened a linesperson at last month's U.S. Open but later apologized. Was she sincere? — P. Edwards, Honolulu

A Post-match, Williams was weirdly serene about her outburst — "I'm moving on," she said. Two days later, she turned contrite. Our opinion: Her sponsors, who pony up \$10 million a year in endorsements, read her the riot act.

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Syfy Channel

The crew of "Ghost Hunters" — pictured here from left to right, Robb Demarest, Barry Fitzgerald and Shannon Sylvia — seem to have their ghost-hunting sensors turned up to "11" in order to find adequate paranormal activity.



AP file

French actress Juliette Binoche stays busy.

Sunday Horoscope

It's been said that there is nothing new under the sun. However, that theory is about to be challenged big time, at least verbally. Mercury, the messenger of the zodiac, opposes Uranus, the planet of radical shift and revolutionary movement. The tug between these forces will produce strong conversation and ideas so crazy they just might work.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (Oct. 4). You are powerful now and will find many ways to use your influence for good. This month, a challenge at work turns into an opportunity for your advancement. You'll get fantastic news in November that may inspire you to travel. January brings a gentle new era for a relationship that's been turbulent at times. Capricorn and Virgo people adore you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). The successful formula is the same as it was yesterday: imagination plus work. The only difference is you are getting better at doing both things in a positive and specific way.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). If you disagree, do so in a manner that the other person is likely to feel OK about. The words you choose will make a big difference. Instead of saying, "I don't like that," say, "I prefer it this way."

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). You take pride in acting correctly, although sometimes it's not so obvious what that would look like. You'll be in a situation that seems to have no rules. It's the perfect chance for you to set a standard for others.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Plans won't fall into place exactly the way you expected them to. On the bright side, you'll be in the company of happy people who make you smile and laugh. What could be better?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Learning is not arduous work for you — in fact, it's no work at all when the information is something you're truly interested in. If your current subject of study leaves you feeling flat, see if you

can change it.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). The people around you are trying to help, but you are the one who is likely to come up with the winning answer. So refrain from delegating where possible. Try to sort things out on your own.

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Creativity is not just for poets and painters. Whether you are throwing together a meal plan or organizing your sock drawer, you'll pull brilliant ideas down from the ether to complete the task with remarkable flair.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You are a catalyst. Your energy changes whatever you get involved with. Your contribution to an organization might seem to you to be cursory, but you make a bigger difference than you think.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You'll be thinking about your history, and you'll likely discover some gaps in your memory. It's a wonderful opportunity to reach out and ask the other people who were there to share some experiences of you at that time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your natural state is hopeful, joyful and positive. However, negative emotions serve a purpose, too. Be mindful not to try to block them out. They are messages, the interpretations of which will be keys to your happiness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You've pushed yourself hard, and now it's time for you to rest — essential for your rejuvenation. You'll know that your recovery is complete when you feel calm, relaxed and relieved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). It's not really fair, what's being asked of you, but you learned long ago that life doesn't have to be fair to be wonderful. Anyway, you feel empowered to meet the demands and show your super-human emotional strength.

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Couple trading affronts put their marriage on the line

Dear Abby: Several months ago I made a terrible mistake and e-mailed "Tom" — a friend I had a crush on — some topless pictures of myself. Tom rejected me because he is happily married. I am married, too, and when my husband, "Jake," discovered the pictures on our computer and realized what I had done, we discussed it and agreed to put them aside and never talk about them again.

Because Tom and I are friends and he was doing some repair work on our home, I have spoken to him on my cell phone numerous times. When Jake saw the phone records and realized I was still talking to Tom, he posted my pictures on an Internet porn site for all the world to see and blamed Tom so I wouldn't speak to him anymore.

Abby, Jake never told me I couldn't speak to Tom. That he made me believe that Tom was the bad guy is upsetting, even though I was wrong in the first place for sending my pictures to him. Do two wrongs make a right? I'm so upset by what Jake did that I don't want him to touch me. In fact, I want a divorce. I don't know what to do. Please help me.

— Linda in Texas

Dear Abby



Dear Linda: Your husband was willing to forgive and forget the fact that you were trying to start an affair by sending the photos to Tom. When you "discussed it and agreed never to talk about them again," he took for granted that you would end the "friendship." And you should have. Your actions weren't platonic and were a threat to your own marriage. When your husband realized that the flirtation was ongoing, he punished you in a cruel way.

Two wrongs do NOT make a right. And my advice to you and Jake is to sit down with a marriage counselor, figure out where your relationship went off track and decide, calmly, whether your marriage is worth saving.

Dear Abby: My son, "Jeremy," age 25, married his high school sweetheart a little more than a year ago. They live about 4½ hours away.

When Jeremy was growing up, he and I were very close. Since his marriage I have tried not to call as often as I did when he was single.

I do call, but now I limit it to once every few weeks, although he rarely answers his phone.

Ex-girlfriend takes his money, his heart and then his friends

My girlfriend of two years just left me, saying she'd fallen out of love. Prior to leaving, she moved into my condo as part of our long-term plan to buy a house together.

She insisted on many renovations, and I went along to make her happy. I put in \$5,000, we borrowed \$15,000 from my grandmother, and we both signed a contract to pay her back. Now she's gone, with \$800 she cleaned out of our joint account, I'm up to my eyeballs in debt, and she refuses to pay. I'm being forced to sell the condo.

To make matters worse, she confessed she'd had doubts about the relationship before moving in — although she never voiced them; she just demanded expensive home improvements! But, this is all background.

My problem is my friends, who met my ex through me. They know what happened, but tell me I have to get used to her being around because they intend to keep inviting her to parties. So, are these people really my friends? They speak words of friendship, but don't back them up.

— Very Alone

You lost your love, you're losing your condo, and Granny's send-

ing over two thugs to break your legs if she doesn't get her money or a great-grandchild by the first of the month.

Your friends feel really bad for you — just not bad enough to drag themselves out of the booth where they're drinking appetinis with your ex, who's got everybody in stitches with her stories of condo construction hell.

You approach love with the hopeless optimism of a degenerate gambler. You threw money you didn't have at a relationship you must've sensed wouldn't last, like treating it as a sure thing would make it one.

In our e-mail exchange, you admitted that this girl had never shown much interest in anyone else's needs, including yours, and even neglected her cat. Hel-

looo, life partner! You also said she owes \$40K on credit cards, \$50K on student loans, and makes only \$40K a year. Yes, here's a woman who has "great credit risk" written all over her ... collection agency notices that come in the mail every day.

Of course, when a couple breaks up, their friends are sometimes lobbied so hard by both partners that they find it hard to

I wanted to let him call at his convenience.

He has told me that e-mail is the best way to reach him. The problem is, he doesn't respond to my e-mails, doesn't answer my calls and rarely phones me to see how our family is doing.

I was recently ill and Jeremy didn't even call to see how I was. I'm hurt, and part of me wants to tell him so. I'm afraid if I do I'll alienate him, but I feel he's already alienated. What should I do?

This is really starting to bother me. My son doesn't call his younger brother either (his best man) like before. Should we just back off and leave Jeremy alone?

— In A Spot in Virginia

Dear In A Spot: Your son's life has changed and he has new responsibilities since his marriage, but that's no excuse for him not to answer calls and e-mails from you — especially if they are as few and far between as you have described. His behavior is extremely rude, and one can only hope it isn't because his bride has taken over and rules the roost. You deserve some answers, so by all means clear the air.

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figure out the real story, or they think it isn't their place to get in the middle. But, this wasn't a case of "We had communication issues" or "We were just brought up differently." She robbed you. There isn't a lot of nuance in that to parse.

So, in addition to a love who didn't act all that loving, it seems you have friends who act like acquaintances. There's a common denominator here, and it's you — a guy who'd rather not divide the people in his life into their proper categories: those who'll go to the ends of the earth for you and those who won't cross the living room.

You can have real love and real friends — if you're honest about who's there for you and who's just there. Friends are people you can count on, anytime, anywhere, for ransom or bail. The rest are just warm bodies you bump into with some regularity. Sure, you call them friends — but only because "Meet my friend Bob" is snappier and sounds nicer than "This is Bob, who really has nothing to say to me, so he sends me Internet forwards threatening me with seven years of bad luck unless I forward this to 10 more idiots."

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Woman in coma after liposuction procedure

FL WESTON — Complications during a type of liposuction procedure at a Weston beauty clinic are what put a 37-year-old woman in a coma and on life support, the attorney for the clinic's physician said.

The physician, Dr. Omar J. Brito Marin, did not know that Weston Medspa was not state-licensed to perform full liposuctions, and did nothing wrong that caused Rohie Kah-Orukotan's severe reaction, said Brian Bieber, the doctor's attorney.

Bruto is not board-certified or trained in plastic surgery; his background is in occupational medicine, records show.

Kah-Orukotan remained unconscious at Cleveland Clinic, where her family gathered, agonizing over whether to keep her on life support, the family's attorney said.

Midshipman pleads guilty to drug charge

CA SAN DIEGO — The U.S. Navy says a midshipman has pleaded guilty to conspiracy to import and distribute more than 150 pounds of marijuana.

U.S. Naval Academy student Juan D. Alonso was sentenced to nine years and 10 months in a military prison.

The Navy also says the 24-year-old pleaded guilty to conspiracy to commit burglary and armed robbery and weapons charges.

Officials say Alonso was detained in June by U.S. Customs and Border Protection after trying to smuggle marijuana in a rented car at the San Ysidro port of entry near San Diego.

Smithsonian offers buyouts to 6,000

DC WASHINGTON — The Smithsonian Institution is offering all of its employees a voluntary buyout plan to reduce its work force, meet its tightened budget goals and restructure the organization to match the principles of its new strategic plan.

The buyout offer was announced in an internal e-mail to the Smithsonian's 6,000 workers, who are either federal employees or trust fund personnel, the latter of whom are paid through the Smithsonian's unrestricted nongovernmental accounts.

The plan also includes employees at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute.

About 4,000 of the Smithsonian's employees are federal workers; the rest are trust fund employees.

Call centers employ kids as young as 13

UT SALT LAKE CITY — Children as young as 13 were manning phone banks for a company that does market research and political surveys from call centers in seven states, federal investigators said.

Children that young can't legally be employed except on farms.

The U.S. Department of Labor fined Orem, Utah-based Western Wats for hiring three 13-year-olds, and for working an additional 1,479 children more than three hours on a school day or more than eight hours on a weekend day, among



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other violations. Those children were all 14 or 15 years old.

The \$550,000 penalty was among the highest of its kind ever assessed against a U.S. company, officials said.

Federal agency to remap manatee habitat

FL MIAMI — It has been more than 30 years since federal wildlife managers formally mapped the places where endangered manatee live in Florida.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service announced it would consider reassessing critical habitat for the manatee, a process that could fill some gaping holes.

Among the places left out of an original designation, done in 1976: natural springs, water basins around power plants that serve as winter havens for sea cows and two entire counties in a major manatee corridor, St. Lucie and Indian River. Boat strikes killed 11 manatees in Indian River and six in St. Lucie last year.

Chuck Underwood, a spokesman for the service, said the decision is mostly about updating science and would not affect coastal development or public access.

Big Island palace opens after extensive repairs

HI KAILUA-KONA — The Big Island's Hulihee Palace has reopened to visitors, nearly three years after it was damaged by devastating earthquakes.

The 170-year-old palace on the



Daddy's home

Lt. Col. Randy Efferson is greeted by his wife, Melodie, and children, Elizabeth, Emily and Ethan, as pilots with the 187th Fighter Wing of the Alabama Air National Guard returned to Dannelly Field in Montgomery, Ala., from their deployment to Iraq.

shores of Kailua Bay suffered severe structural damage when two temblors struck Oct. 15, 2006, off the coast.

A blessing ceremony marked the end of renovations, which cost more than \$1.5 million and included fixing cracked walls, replastering walls and reattaching the gables, which secure the roof.

The palace also boasts fresh paint, new landscaping and an expanded Palace Gift Shop.

Storm flooding forces evacuation of day care

TX LAREDO — Six motorists are safe and a day care was evacuated after a slow-moving thunderstorm dumped as much as 2 to 5 inches of rain over two hours on the Laredo area.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that police officers and public works officials waded through chest-deep water to carry about 90 preschool-aged children from a day care. The children were not injured and the preschool was not flooded.

Laredo Fire Department spokesman Eloy Vega told The Associated Press that the thunderstorm prompted flooding at 12 intersections, resulting in the motorists' rescues by Laredo fire crews.

He had no reports of any casualties or damage.

Employment agency in hot seat over practices

MN ST. PAUL — The Minnesota attorney general's office is accusing an employment agency of not living up to its promise to find jobs for unemployed Minnesota residents.

Minnesota Attorney General Lori Swanson filed a lawsuit against The Arthur Group and its owner and chief executive, Barry Trimble.

The lawsuit says the company violated consumer fraud and deceptive trade practice laws.

It says the company lured job seekers and had clients pay up to \$4,500 in fees, often without producing a job interview or lead.

The lawsuit also says the company posted ads for jobs online, then told interviewers at the time of appointment that the posted job was no longer available.

Judge grants probation for 18 in bird fighting

CT DERBY — A U.S. judge has granted probation to 18 of 19 men arrested in connection with a bird-fighting operation.

Derby Superior Court Judge Burton Kaplan granted the men accelerated rehabilitation, meaning charges of cruelty to animals and illegal gambling will be dropped if they stay out of trouble during a one-year probation period, the Connecticut Post reported.

Authorities arrested The Connecticut, Massachusetts and New Jersey residents, who are all natives of Brazil, after a July 26 raid at a home in Shelton. About 150 birds were seized, mostly saffron finches and canaries.

The owner of the home, 42-year-old Jurames Goulart, didn't apply for accelerated rehabilitation.

He is due in court.

The birds are now at several animal sanctuaries.



Try it, you'll like it

Chef Ivo Puidak of the "Bass Pro Shops Big Cat Quest" television series prepared

free tastings and cooking demonstrations at the Mid-South Fair in Southaven, Miss.



Crash path scoured

A four-passenger plane rests in pieces strewn across a cornfield and treeline in Randolph County, Ind. One person was on board when the fatal plane accident occurred.



Wade right in

Roberto Parera of Chicago fishes in the Root River in Racine, Wis.



Getting to the cellular level

City of Austin transportation worker Luis Flores prepares to install a sign outside Zavala Elementary School in Austin, Texas. It is the first of those to be installed in Austin school zones to warn users that cell phones may not be used in the area.



My, what big teeth you have

Five-year-old Simon Hughes examines the head of an alligator he shot on his family's ranch at Moye's Taxidermy in Livingston, Texas. The 12-foot, 6-inch, more than 800-pound alligator was estimated to be between 35 and 40 years old. The head alone weighed 107 pounds and had 75 teeth. The family plans to make boots out of the hide and eat the meat.

Officials to limit sale of oyster licenses

MS PASCAGOULA — Mississippi officials said they will suspend the sale of oyster licenses if the demand for them is too high.

Bradley Randall, with the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources, said a shrimp season marked by low prices and the collapse of the oyster population in Alabama is blamed in part on the license action.

Randall told The Mississippi Press in Pascagoula that officials expect more oystermen to want to come to Mississippi. The state's oyster season generally runs from October through April.

Man agrees to forfeit rescued animals

TX HOUSTON — A man who owned more than 1,000 recently seized birds, gerbils and other animals has agreed to forfeit all but two of them to the Houston Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Joselito Rivera Boado, 34, also agreed to vacate his northwest Houston house in 30 days and forfeit his house to the county. That's in order to help satisfy \$213,458 in medical and boarding costs for the animals that were seized by animal rescue personnel.

Assistant county attorney Linda Geffin says between 100 to 200 of the animals have died.

The SPCA has said the owners indicated they planned to sell the animals at flea markets.

Woman convicted in father's mutilation death

NY NEW YORK — A woman has been convicted of killing her father and mutilating his body in her New York City apartment.

Queens District Attorney Richard Brown said Brigitte Harris, 28, was convicted of manslaughter and criminal possession of a weapon in the 2007 slaying of Eric Goodridge, 55.

Prosecutors say Harris handcuffed and gagged her father, duct-taped a towel around his head and strangled him. They say she cut off his penis after he died.

Harris' sister has claimed their father molested them when they were children.

Dad gets probation in shock collar case

OR SALEM — A northwest Oregon man who used a shock collar for dogs on his young children has been sentenced to three years of supervised probation.

Court documents say Todd Marcum of Salem is prohibited from having contact with children without approval of the state Department of Human Services and his parole officer. He also is barred from using corporal punishment and participating in physical play with children.

Investigators say Marcum used the electronic collar to shock his four children — ages 3 to 9 — because he thought it was funny.

He was sentenced after pleading guilty to four counts of criminal mistreatment. The children have been in the custody of their mother.

Marcum told KPTV he has started counseling and that "nothing like this will ever happen again."

Turns out boaters were not missing after all

FL LAKE WORTH — Coast Guard officials in South Florida say three boaters reported missing on a trip from Lake Worth to the Bahamas have been located.

Authorities said the crew aboard the Flying Pig heard a marine broadcast that asked other boaters to be on the lookout for their vessel. The crew radioed officials and said they were anchored near Abaco Island, Bahama.

A friend of the boat's owner called emergency officials when he stopped receiving satellite location messages from the Flying Pig. The vessel's last message placed the Flying Pig about 20 miles north of Grand Bahama Island.

Couples tell of ripoffs by adoption lawyer

NY MINEOLA — Five couples from New York and Texas have told a prosecutor they were ripped off by a Long Island adoption lawyer.

Nassau County District Attorney Kathleen Rice says the arrest of Kevin Cohen in a Port Washington, N.Y., case prompted other alleged victims to come forward.

Rice says Cohen may have run an "adoption Ponzi scheme" — defrauding clients out of fees for babies who didn't exist.

Cohen has pleaded not guilty to grand larceny, scheme to defraud and possession of a forged instrument.

Gate falls off river lock, slows ship traffic

KY WARSAW — Army Corps of Engineers officials say a gate failure at the Markland Locks and Dam is slowing Ohio River traffic.

Corps spokesman Todd Hornback said a 250-ton gate segment fell into the water. The failure forced the shutdown of the locks that span the river between Kentucky and Indiana until a smaller auxiliary lock could be opened later that night. Hornback said federal funding was recently approved to replace the gates, but installation wasn't planned until 2011.

Teacher breaks up fight with pepper spray

TX FORT WORTH — A Fort Worth charter school teacher used pepper spray to break up a fight between two students in which no injuries were reported.

Police were called to the Richard Milburn Academy where a teacher had already pepper-sprayed the students involved.

Authorities say two 16-year-old students got into a fight and, by the time police arrived, they were either picked up by their parents or had left.

Academy spokeswoman Lara Brooks says the matter is under investigation.



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OPINION

Polanski's past pain isn't penance

By MEGHAN DAUM
Los Angeles Times

How lousy has Roman Polanski's life been? His mother died at Auschwitz; his pregnant wife was murdered by the Manson family; and in 1978, after pleading guilty to unlawful intercourse and serving an evaluation period in the Chino state prison, he says he learned that a judge who had led him to believe that he would serve no more jail time actually was considering a long sentence, followed by deportation. On the eve of his sentencing, the acclaimed director of "Rosemary's Baby" and "Chinatown" fled the U.S. and never returned.

OK, that's pretty lousy. But lousy enough?

Polanski exiled himself to France, where his citizenship protects him from U.S. extradition. When he was arrested in Switzerland en route to the Zurich Film Festival, by request of a suddenly energized Los Angeles justice system, officials in France appeared to chalk up the incident to a uniquely American combination of Puritanism and punitiveness. French Foreign Minister Bernard Kouchner called the arrest "a bit sinister." And Frederic Mitterrand, the French culture minister, said he was "dumbfounded" by the arrest and "strongly regrets that a new ordeal is being inflicted on someone who has already experienced so many of them."

Also in play is a certain fetishization of artists and artistry — the kind that lends itself to the notion that when a regular person commits a crime, it's a crime, but when an artist commits a crime, it's an act of understandable passion (think Norman Mailer stabbing his wife or Caravaggio fleeing after killing a man in a brawl). Debra Winger, jury president of the 2009 Zurich Film Festival, called Polanski's case "all but dead" and said "despite the philistine nature of the collusion that has now occurred, we came to honor Roman Polanski as a great artist." For his part, Kouchner, after the "sinister" remark, added: "A man of such talent, recognized in the entire world, recognized especially

in the country that arrested him — all this just isn't nice."

Non, *ce n'est pas gentil*, but, to put it mildly, neither is illegal sex with a 13-year-old, who testified before a grand jury that Polanski plied her with champagne and part of a Quaalude before sodomizing her over her protests.

Sure, Polanski may be a great artist. He appears to have been living a quiet, non-criminal family life in France all these years (he's married to actress Emmanuelle Seigner and has two children), and there may be some truth to the theory that he fled his sentencing in the U.S. partly because of residual trauma from the Holocaust.

And yes, Polanski's victim, Samantha Geimer (formerly Gailey) has publicly said he should serve no more time (after settling her civil suit against him for an unknown sum) and even joined his attorneys in requesting the dismissal of the case. She wrote an Op-Ed article when Polanski received an Oscar nomination for best director in 2003 (for "The Pianist"; he won in absentia) saying "his film should be honored according to the quality of the work. What he does for a living and how good he is at it have nothing to do with me or what he did to me."

But are personal ordeals tantamount to prison time? Does artistic greatness explain away criminal behavior? Is justice served if the victim is willing to let the whole thing drop?

Part of what makes the Polanski case fascinating — as well as repugnant — is that it's infused with these sorts of existential questions about what evens the scales. The family of a murder victim might ask, isn't a lifetime of coping with the brutal killing of your pregnant wife penance enough? A certain breed of American might ask, doesn't being forced to live in France constitute punishment? Geimer has asked, isn't Polanski's inability to work in Hollywood sufficient punishment? (Hmm, try that on all the struggling directors out there who've never raped anyone but also cannot work in Hollywood.)

No one has suggested Polanski is innocent, but the notion that he paid for his

crime, perhaps even before he committed it, somehow sways opinion. (It is this argument, not the possible misconduct of the judge and the prosecutor in the case, that motivates Polanski's loudest defenders.) Yet as emotionally compelling as his travails may be, they're simply not relevant from a legal standpoint. Just as our justice system is not designed around victims determining the appropriate punishments for the victimizers — otherwise, Geimer would have set him free years ago — it does not substitute a hard time in life for hard time in jail.

No matter what happens in the extradition case, the compassionate exile the U.S. effectively granted Polanski by not pursuing him more forcefully merits review. As for the great man himself, it's worth noting that his arrest came just before Yom Kippur, the Jewish Day of Atonement. It's hard not to see some justice in that. And — please — there is one sin at least that Polanski should be atoning for on American soil.

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OPINION

What newspapers are saying at home

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Health care 'the greater good'

Chicago Sun-Times

Let's start with an immediate impression about what happened at the Massachusetts State House last month.

The word hypocrisy comes to mind.

Five years ago, Massachusetts legislators stripped from the governor the power to fill a U.S. Senate vacancy, opting instead for a special election. The Democratic Legislature did so just in case fellow Democratic Sen. John Kerry became president. They worried that Gov. Mitt Romney, a Republican, would replace Kerry with a Republican. But now that a Democrat is governor, the Legislature has rewritten the law, granting the governor a new power — to appoint an interim senator until a special election is held. ...

On Sept. 24, Massachusetts Gov. Deval Patrick named Paul Kirk Jr., a former aide to Sen. Ted Kennedy, to fill the late senator's seat until a January special election.

This time, the Legislature acted to ensure there are 60 Democrats in the U.S. Senate, which the Democrats had until Kennedy died in August. That magic number could be the difference between success and failure on health care reform, a passion that defined Kennedy's career. ...

What we have here are two cherished principles in conflict. The first is the belief that the people, not a governor, should choose their senator. ... The second is the belief that no American should be without affordable health care. Forced to choose between these two convictions, we think reforming our health system is the greater good. The moment is now, perhaps not to return for decades, if ever.

Is rule only for Reid's benefit?

Spartanburg (S.C.) Herald Journal

Health care reform is likely to be expensive, both for the federal government and the states, but not so much for Nevada, thanks to Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid. The leader of the Democrats in the Senate has gotten a special rule inserted into the primary health care reform bill that would provide extra money to his state to offset the additional costs of the measure. ...

As Senate majority leader, Reid should be focused on creating the best health care reform measure for the entire nation, one that works in every state, not just Nevada and a few others. But that's not his motivation. He faces a tough re-election fight and will do whatever is necessary to win. ... Doing the right thing for the country won't win him another term. Getting more money for Nevada will.

The situation also should remind Americans we don't have the money to afford massive expansions in government entitlements. States don't have the money to pay for this expanded coverage. The federal government will pay for it by borrowing more, counting on you to someday pay it back with interest.

That national debt is growing faster than a malignant tumor on the nation's economy and social welfare. It is likely to be a bigger problem than rising health care costs, affecting this nation's prosperity and independence for decades.

Refine goals on Afghanistan

The Philadelphia Inquirer

Why would the administration appear to be backing away from policies it seemed so sure of in March, when President Barack Obama said the Taliban and al-Qaida must



be defeated so that Afghanistan never again becomes a base for terrorists who attacked our country?

Well, for one thing, Afghanistan's recent presidential election has been discredited by rampant allegations of fraud. President Hamid Karzai's government was already known for corruption. Now, Karzai has made it even more difficult for the United States to hail him as an emblem of democracy.

Karzai aside, a number of experts are reassessing not just the strategy but the U.S. goal in Afghanistan. Some of the debate has been in the Council on Foreign Relations periodical "Foreign Affairs." In one article, Ohio State University political scientist John Mueller points out that al-Qaida doesn't need a secure base for its terrorist operations. He also notes that the operational base for the Sept. 11 attacks was Hamburg, Germany. ...

Steven Simon, a CFR senior fellow for Middle Eastern studies, wondered whether the moment has been missed to successfully finish the large-scale mission that President George W. Bush began. He posits that achieving the goal in Afghanistan might be better accomplished with the current program to kill al-Qaida's leadership through drone attacks. Of course, that puts more civilians at risk. ...

It seems that the president just wants to get it right, especially as tensions with Iran grow. With the lives of so many U.S. soldiers at stake, he must not be wedded to a strategy if it won't make America safer or Afghanistan stronger.

Obama set right tone at U.N.

(Rochester, N.Y.)

Democrat and Chronicle

It was a whirlwind week for President Barack Obama at the United Nations.

There is much to like about how he tried to reposition this country in the world. Now it will be up to him and his administration, particularly Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, to turn words into action.

In his address to the U.N. General Assembly, Obama made it clear that his administration, in many ways, is taking a different tack than his predecessor. Obama was remarkably frank about wanting to repair the "skepticism and distrust" that grew internationally while George W. Bush ran the country. It was refreshing to see and hear the warm response that greeted his remarks, given that Bush often got a cooler reception.

Obama argued that solving global crises "cannot be solely America's endeavor." ... He inclusively used the word "us" as part of his call to action. "Now is the time for all of us to take our share of responsibility for a global response to global challenges."

Of course, the issue of nuclear arms in the hands of Iran and North Korea remains troubling. Obama, addressing the U.N. Security Council heads of state, was successful in getting a resolution passed that includes tighter controls on nuclear materials and encourages enforcement of U.N. resolutions and treaties. Even Russian President Dmitry Medvedev indicated that he would be open to sanctions against Iran.

Poll showed Facebook's flaws

Los Angeles Times

Not content with more conventional ways of expressing disapproval, an unidentified Facebook user recently posted a poll asking whether President Barack Obama should be assassinated. The poll was outrageous, and Facebook forced its removal even before the Secret Service called. ...

The inflammatory poll, created last weekend with an application available to any Facebook user, offered four possible answers to the question "Should Obama be killed?": yes, maybe, "if he cuts my healthcare" and no. Originally published on the application developer's Facebook page, it spread as voters notified their networks of friends about it. Users also could complain about the poll through links provided by Facebook and the developer, a start-up called Advanced Alien Technology. A Facebook spokesman said the company received the first objection early Monday, and the poll came down shortly thereafter.

The poll is especially disturbing in light of the sharp increase in reported threats to the president's life. A new book estimates that Obama receives 30 a day, a 400 percent increase over President George W. Bush. Heated rhetoric is a staple of political discourse, but death threats — whether real or insinuated — are not. ... [I]t's appropriate for Facebook to give users the tools to police themselves. It's also incumbent on the company to make sure application developers do the same, and Facebook appears to have done that.

At the same time, however, Facebook gives developers the ability to collect a stunning amount of information about the people who use their applications. ... Facebook should do a better job of teaching users how to guard their privacy against the risks posed even by seemingly innocuous applications.

Polanski story changes scenes

The Dallas Morning News

Fugitive film director Roman Polanski learned last weekend that you can't outrun the long arm of the law. Swiss police nabbed the confessed sex criminal as he arrived in Zurich to accept a film festival award. Now Polanski, 76, faces extradition to Los Angeles County, where prosecutors

have waited more than 30 years for the rapist to show up for sentencing.

Polanski, who has been gallivanting around Europe scot-free since fleeing sentencing on his 1978 sex conviction, never saw it coming, but he certainly had it coming. Anyone who feels sorry for Polanski — having to live in exile all these years and now facing the prospect of extradition and a prison term in the United States — should understand what Polanski did to land in this mess. He drugged, raped and sodomized a frightened 13-year-old girl.

Polanski eventually pleaded guilty to having had unlawful sex with a minor but skipped the country before his sentencing. Since then, he has lived primarily in France. Not long ago, his victim, now married with children, reached a civil settlement with Polanski and publicly forgave him. But that doesn't settle Polanski's debt with the law. ...

The cultural elite in Hollywood and Europe are screaming bloody murder over the arrest. ... Somehow, one doubts they would have reached this conclusion were Polanski a cleric and his victim an altar boy.

Gambling revenue has limits

The (Lakeland, Fla.) Ledger

Gov. Charlie Crist wants a special session to get the Legislature to ratify a new gambling deal with the Seminole Tribe. Under the terms of the proposed compact, the state would get a nice cut of the tribe's action; an estimated \$6.8 billion over the next 20 years.

But Senate President Jeff Atwater is reluctant to rush into a special session. He asks, in effect, "what's the hurry?"

The answer to that question may lie in a recent New York Times article suggesting that states may be reaching a "saturation point" in their attempts to collect gambling revenues in lieu of taxes.

"Casinos and lotteries in most states are reporting a downturn in revenue for the first time, resulting in a drop in the money collected by state and local governments," the Times reported.

The Times quoted Lucy Dadayan, senior analyst with the Nelson A. Rockefeller Institute of Government thusly: "The data shows that states take a real chance depending on gambling because this revenue is not likely to keep pace with growing budgetary needs. In the absence of new types of gambling, it can become a zero-sum game as states compete for the same pot."

Hence Crist's rush. Florida may already be nearing a saturation point. Recently, the Florida Lottery introduced vending machines in an attempt to keep milking a cow that may already be running dry. ...

Gambling is ultimately a sucker's bet. The problem is, there may not be enough suckers to go around.

PERSPECTIVES

Pax Americana at twilight

Since the end of World War II, the world has depended on the U.S. for stability. But with American military and economic dominance waning, capitalism itself and global security are threatened.

BY CHRISTOPHER LAYNE
AND BENJAMIN SCHWARZ

The international order that emerged after World War II has rightly been termed the Pax Americana; it's a Washington-led arrangement that has maintained political stability and promoted an open global economic system. Today, however, the Pax Americana is withering, thanks to what the National Intelligence Council in a recent report described as a "global shift in relative wealth and economic power without precedent in modern history" — a shift that has accelerated enormously as a result of the economic crisis of 2007-2009.

At the heart of this geopolitical sea change is China's robust economic growth. Not because Beijing will necessarily threaten American interests but because a newly powerful China by necessity means a relative decline in American power, the very foundation of the postwar international order. These developments remind us that changes in the global balance of power can be sudden and discontinuous rather than gradual and evolutionary.

The Great Recession isn't the cause of Washington's ebbing relative power. But it has quickened trends that already had been eating away at the edifice of U.S. economic supremacy. Looking ahead, the health of the U.S. economy is threatened by a gathering fiscal storm: exploding federal deficits that could ignite runaway inflation and undermine the dollar. To avoid these perils, the U.S. will face wrenching choices.

The Obama administration and the Federal Reserve have adopted policies that have dramatically increased both the supply of dollars circulating in the U.S. economy and the federal budget deficit, which both the Brookings Institution and the Congressional Budget Office estimate will exceed \$1 trillion every year for at least the next decade. In the short run, these policies were no doubt necessary; nevertheless, in the long term, they will almost certainly boomerang. Add that to the persistent U.S. current account deficit, the enormous unfunded liabilities for entitlement programs and the cost of two ongoing wars, and you can see that America's long-term fiscal stability is in jeopardy. As the CBO says: "Even if the recovery occurs as projected and stimulus bill is allowed to expire, the country will face the highest debt/GDP ratio in 50 years and an increasingly unsustainable and urgent fiscal problem." This spells trouble ahead for the dollar.

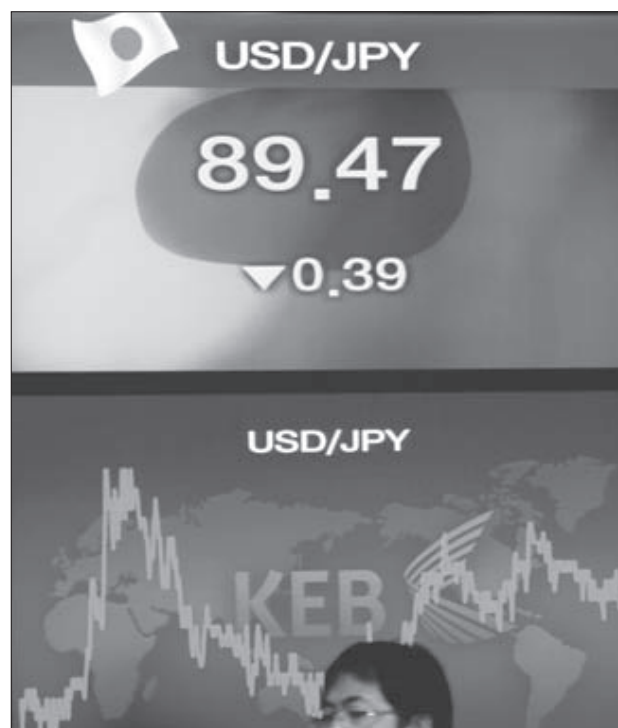
The financial privileges conferred on the U.S. by the dollar's unchallenged reserve currency status — its role as the primary form of payment for international trade and financial transactions — have underpinned the pre-eminent geopolitical role of the United States in international politics since the end of World War II. But already the shadow of the coming fiscal crisis has prompted its main creditors, China and Japan, to worry that in coming years the dollar will depreciate in value. China has been increasingly vocal

in calling for the dollar's replacement by a new reserve currency. And Yukio Hatoyama, Japan's new prime minister, favors Asian economic integration and a single Asian currency as substitutes for eroding U.S. financial and economic power.

Going forward, to defend the dollar, Washington will need to control inflation through some combination of budget cuts, tax increases and interest rate hikes. Given that the last two options would choke off renewed growth, the least unpalatable choice is to reduce federal spending. This will mean radically scaling back defense expenditures, because discretionary nondefense spending accounts for only about 20 percent of annual federal outlays. This in turn will mean a radical diminution of America's overseas military commitments, transforming both geopolitics and the international economy.

Since 1945, the Pax Americana has made international economic interdependence and globalization possible. Whereas all states benefit absolutely in an open international economy, some states benefit more than others. In the normal course of world politics, the relative distribution of power, not the pursuit of absolute economic gains, is a country's principal concern, and this discourages economic interdependence. In their efforts to ensure a distribution of power in their favor and at the expense of their actual or potential rivals, states pursue autarkic policies — those designed to maximize national self-sufficiency — practicing capitalism only within their borders or among countries in a trading bloc. Thus a truly global economy is extraordinarily difficult to achieve. Historically, the only way to secure international integration and interdependence has been for a dominant power to guarantee the security of other states so that they need not pursue autarkic policies or form trading blocs to improve their relative positions. This suspension of international politics through hegemony has been the fundamental aim of U.S. foreign policy since the 1940s. The U.S. has assumed the responsibility for maintaining geopolitical stability in Europe, East Asia and the Persian Gulf, and for keeping open the lines of communication through which world trade moves. Since the Cold War's end, the U.S. has sought to preserve its hegemony by possessing a margin of military superiority so vast that it can keep any would-be great power pliant and protected.

Financially, the U.S. has been responsible for managing the global economy by acting as the market and lender of last resort.



LEE JIN-MAN/AP

A currency trader works in front of a screen showing the foreign currency rate between the U.S. dollar and Japanese yen at the Korea Exchange Bank headquarters in Seoul. Japan's new prime minister favors Asian economic integration and a single Asian currency as substitutes for eroding U.S. financial and economic power.

But as President Barack Obama acknowledged at the London G-20 meeting in April, the U.S. is no longer able to play this role, and the world increasingly is looking to China (and India and other emerging market states) to be the locomotives of global recovery.

A crisis for capitalism

Going forward, the fiscal crisis will mean that Washington cannot discharge its military functions as a hegemon either, because it can no longer maintain the power edge that has allowed it to keep the ambitions of the emerging great powers in check. The entire fabric of world order that the United States established after 1945 — the Pax Americana — rested on the foundation of U.S. military and economic preponderance. Remove the foundation and the structure crumbles. The decline of American power means the end of U.S. dominance in world politics and the beginning of the transition to a new constellation of world powers.

The result will be profound changes in world politics. Emerging powers will seek to establish spheres of influence, control lines of communication, engage in arms races and compete for control over key natural resources. As America's decline results in the retraction of the U.S. military role in key regions, rivalries among emerging powers are bound to heat up. Already, China and India are competing for influence in Central and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean. Even today, when the United States is still acting as East Asia's regional pacifier, the smoldering security competition between China and Japan is pushing Japan cautiously to engage in

the very kind of "renationalization" of its security policy that the U.S. regional presence is supposed to prevent. While still wedded to its alliance with the U.S., in recent years Tokyo has become increasingly anxious that, as a Rand Corp. study put it, eventually it "might face a threat against which the United States would not prove a reliable ally." Consequently, Japan is moving toward dropping Article 9 of its American-imposed Constitution (which imposes severe constraints on Japan's military), building up its forces and quietly pondering the possibility of becoming a nuclear power.

Although the weakening of the Pax Americana will not cause international trade and capital flows to come to a grinding halt, in coming years we can expect states to adopt openly competitive economic policies as they are forced to jockey for power and advantage in an increasingly competitive security and economic environment. The world economy will thereby more closely resemble that of the 1930s than the free-trade system of the post-1945 Pax Americana. The coming end of the Pax Americana heralds a crisis for capitalism.

The coming era of de-globalization will be defined by rising nationalism and mercantilism, geopolitical instability and great power competition. In other words, having enjoyed a long holiday from history under the Pax Americana, international politics will be headed back to the future.

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NG HAN GUAN/AP

Chinese soldiers march during a military parade Thursday in Beijing to mark 60 years of communist rule. As America's decline results in the retraction of the U.S. military role in key regions, rivalries among emerging powers are bound to heat up. Already, China and India are competing for influence in Central and Southeast Asia, the Middle East and the Indian Ocean.

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15:00	Maya & Miguel	Animal Miracles "In the Face of Adversity"	(1:25) Movie "Schindler's List" (1993) Liam Neeson. A war profiteer saves his Jewish workers from death.	The Rachel Maddow Show	The King's Highway: El Camino Real	Fit For Duty Battleground	Eureka "Games People Play" Parallel universe.	SportsCenter	NFL Total Access
15:30	Danny Phantom								
16:00	Naruto	Hercules: The Legendary Journeys "Not Fade Away"		Around the Services Tavis Smiley	Law & Order Two murders occur near a playground.	Fit For Duty Week-Pentagon	Stargate Atlantis "The Return"	Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
16:30	Narcy's Wild Life								
17:00	ES.TV	SpongeBob SquarePants	Movie "Desert Bloom" (1986) Jon Voight, JoBeth Williams. A teen comes of age in 1950s Las Vegas.	Nightly Business Report Nightline	Extreme Makeover: Home Edition "McCully Family"	Recon	King of the Hill		Top 20 Countdown
17:30	Criss Angel Mindfreak	The Fairly OddParents				Recon Revisited	That '70s Show		
18:00	Expedition Africa "Heart of Darkness"	Bindi the Jungle Girl		The O'Reilly Factor	World News-Gibson	Army Newswatch	The King of Queens		Top 20 Countdown
18:30		Adventure Camp			ESPNEWS	Week-Pentagon	Everybody-Ramond		
19:00	Access Hollywood	So You Think You Can Dance	Movie "Lord of War" (2005) Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto. A relentless Interpol agent tracks an arms dealer.	Countdown With Keith Olbermann	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell"	The Grill Sergeants	Gary Unmarried		ECW With Todd Grisham & Matt Striker.
19:30						Fit For Duty	The Big Bang Theory		
20:00	The King's Highway: El Camino Real	Movie "Bolt" (2008) Voices of John Travolta. Animated. A delusional TV dog winds up in New York.		Today	CSI: NY "Enough"	Battleground	The Unit "Hero" A new team member joins the unit.		WWE SmackDown!
20:30						Balad and Beyond			
21:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell"	Movie "Bee Movie" (2007, Comedy) Voices of Jerry Seinfeld, Renée Zellweger.	(15) Movie "Crossover" (2006) Wesley Jonathan. Two athlete friends take a fateful trip to Los Angeles.	MSNBC Live	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	All Hands TV Pacific Report	Prison Break "Going Under"		
21:30					Headline News	Army Newswatch	Saturday Night Live	Sports	The Best Damn Sports Show Period
22:00	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell"				Futurama (Part 3 of 4)	Today's Air Force			
22:30	CSI: NY "Enough"			Bulls and Bears	Til Death "Vintage Eddie"	Recon			Attack of the Show!
23:00		SpongeBob SquarePants	(05) Movie "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995)	Cavuto on Business	Back to You	Week-Pentagon	Austin City Limits		

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00:00	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	So You Think You Can Dance	(11:05) Movie "Father of the Bride Part II" (1995, Comedy)	Forbes on FOX	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fight"	FNG Useful benefits.	(11:30) Austin City Limits	(10:00) Sports	Top 20 Countdown
00:30				Cashin' In		Fit For Duty	Denise Richards		
1:00	Sports	Movie "Bolt" (2008, Comedy) Voices of John Travolta, Miley Cyrus. Animated. A delusional TV dog winds up in New York.	(05) Movie "Who Am I?" (1998, Action) Jackie Chan, Michelle Ferre. An amnesiac U.S. commando seeks his identity.	Newsroom	Bones "Judas on a Pole"	Around the Services	Trading Spouses: Meet Your New Mommy (Part 2 of 2)		Sports
1:30						Around the Services	New Mommy (Part 2 of 2)		
2:00				Your Money	House "Safe"	Around the Services	Boston Legal "Nuts"		
2:30						Around the Services			
3:00		Movie "Bee Movie" (2007, Comedy) Voices of Jerry Seinfeld, Renée Zellweger.	(2:50) Movie "Lord of War" (2005, Drama) Nicolas Cage, Jared Leto. A relentless Interpol agent tracks an arms dealer.	This Week in the Pentagon	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Hell"	Around the Services	Judging Amy "Red-Headed Stepchild"	Sports	
3:30				Wall Street Journal Report	CSI: NY "Enough"	First Air Force Now	Austin City Limits Alejandro Escovedo performs songs.		Sports
4:00				Glenn Beck		Battleground	Namaste Yoga		
4:30		SpongeBob SquarePants				FNG Useful benefits.	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
5:00	Sports	Barney & Friends	(05) Movie "Crossover" (2006) Wesley Jonathan, Anthony Mackie. Two athlete friends take a fateful trip to Los Angeles.	Newsroom	America's Most Wanted: America Fights Back	This Week in the Pentagon	Big Daddy's House		
5:30		Oobi				The Benning Report	Throwdown With Bobby Flay		
6:00		Sesame Street		McLaughlin Group	Headline News	Downrange News from Iraq and Afghanistan.	Music and the Spoken Word		
6:30				Our World With	ESPNEWS		Top 3		
7:00		Swamp Critters	(6:55) Movie "Broadcast News" (1987, Romance-Comedy) William Hurt, Albert Brooks. James Brooks' acclaimed portrait of a TV news group.	The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Headline News	The Grill Sergeants	Day of Discovery (Part 2 of 2)	Sports	Sports
7:30		VeggieTales		FOX Report	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta	Fit For Duty	On Solid Rock		
8:00	Sports	Postman Pat			Entertainers	This Week in the Pentagon	Wright Brothers Controversy		
8:30		Danger Rangers		Washington Week in Review	In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley	USARJ This Week	Futureweapons "No Place to Hide" No place to hide.		
9:00		The Magic School Bus		Army Newswatch	T.D. Jakes	FNG Useful benefits.	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles Stolen cargo.	SportsCenter	
9:30		The Electric Company	(25) Movie "Donnie Brasco" (1997) Al Pacino. A mob lackey unknowingly takes an FBI agent under his wing.	Today's Air Force	Coral Ridge Hour	Fit For Duty	The American Veteran		
10:00		Codename: Kids Next Door		The Chris Matthews Show	Crossing the Goal	Battleground	The National Parks: America's Best Idea		
10:30		Sabrina's Secret Life		Newsroom	Austin City Limits The Pixies reunite to perform.	Recon Revisited	Andrew Young Presents: Willie B.: The Greatest Ape		Sports
11:00	Sports	Growing Pains	(45) Movie "Snow Falling on Cedars" (1999, Historical Drama) Ethan Hawke, James Cromwell, Richard Jenkins. A reporter covers a murder trial.	Journal Editorial Report	MotorWeek	Fit For Duty	The Suze Orman Show		
11:30		The Cosby Show		Fox News Watch	At the Movies	Battleground			
12:00		Nick News Special Edition		Larry King Live	At Sea Military operations are conducted beneath the waves.	Today's Air Force	Rick Steves' Europe Classics		
12:30		The Brady Bunch "Katchoo"				Fit For Duty	Quick Fix Meals		
13:00	McLaughlin Group	Movie "Dumbo" (1941, Fantasy) Voices of Herman Bing, Billy Blitcher, Edward Brophy.		Geraldo at Large	Quantrell's Raiders	Recon Revisited	Iron Chef America Chefs compete.	SportsCenter	Sports
13:30	ESPNEWS					The American Veteran			
14:00	Washington Week in Review		Movie "The Last Emperor" (1987, Biography) John Lone, Joan Chen, Peter O'Toole. Pu Yi is Emperor of China at age 3.	Huckabee	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern The secrets of Bolivia.	Fit For Duty	Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles Stolen cargo.	SportsCenter	
14:30	House Call-Dr. Sanjay Gupta			FOX Report	Ice Road Truckers "A Truckers Farewell"	Battleground	Heroes A new hero emerges in New Orleans.	Sports	Sports
15:00	Entertainers					Army Newswatch	King of the Hill		
15:30		In Touch-Dr. Charles Stanley		Newsroom	Survivor: Samoa "It's Called a Russell Seed"	The Grill Sergeants	That '70s Show		
16:00		T.D. Jakes		Glenn Beck	The Chris Matthews Show	USARJ This Week	The National Parks: America's Best Idea		
16:30		Coral Ridge Hour	Movie "Dick Tracy" (1990) Warren Beatty, Madonna. Comic-strip detective vs. gangsters and Breathless Mahoney.		ESPNEWS	Recon	Top Chef "Finale: Part 1" Final challenges. (Part 1 of 2)		Sports
17:00		SpongeBob SquarePants		CNN Sunday	20/20	FNG Useful benefits.	Criminal Minds "Paradise"		
17:30		The Fairly OddParents				Today's Air Force	Mad Men "Three Sundays" Peggy's family hosts a lunch.		
18:00	Austin City Limits The Pixies reunite to perform.	America's Funniest Home Videos		This Week in the Pentagon	In Plain Sight "Rubble With a Cause"	Fit For Duty	Seinfeld "The Money"	Outside the Lines	Sports
18:30				Army News Watch	Boston Legal "Kill, Baby, Kill!"	Battleground	Friends	Sports Reporters	
19:00	MotorWeek	So You Think You Can Dance	(05) Movie "Just Married" (2003) Ashton Kutcher. Two newlyweds have bad luck while honeymooning in Europe.	Today	Headline News	Recon Revisited	Dancing With the Stars	Sports	
19:30	At the Movies	Smallville "Doomsday"			Saturday Night Live	This Week in the Pentagon			
20:00	At Sea Military operations are conducted beneath the waves.			CBS News Sunday Morning		The Grill Sergeants			
20:30	Quantrell's Raiders	Lincoln Heights "Price You Pay"				Around the Services			
21:00		Touched by an Angel "Godspeed"				Around the Services			
21:30	Bizarre Foods With Andrew Zimmern The secrets of Bolivia.	7th Heaven "Gossip"	(10:55) Movie "The Hard Way" (1991) Michael J. Fox.	Face the Nation		Around the Services			

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00:00	Survivor: Samoa	So You Think You Can Dance	(10:55) Movie The Hard Way	This Week With George Stephanopoulos	Comics Unleashed Two and a Half Men	Around the Services	(11:00) Dancing With the Stars	(11:00) Sports	(10:00) Sports
00:30			(40) Movie "Bite the Bullet" (1975, Western) Gene Hackman, Candice Bergen, James Coburn. Eight riders endure a 700-mile race across the Southwest.	Meet the Press	NCIS "Ex-File"	Fit For Duty	Dancing With the Stars		Sports
1:00	Sports	Smallville "Doomsday"				The Benning Report			
1:30				America's News HQ	Cold Case "Stand Up and Holler"	The Grill Sergeants	Prison Break "Dirt Nap"	Sports	
2:00		Lincoln Heights "Price You Pay"				VA News			
2:30				Amanpour.	20/20	This Week in the Pentagon	NUMB3RS "The Mole"	Sports	
3:00		Touched by an Angel "Godspeed"	(05) Movie "Radio" (2003, Drama) Cuba Gooding Jr., Ed Harris. A football coach mentors a mentally impaired young man.	Your Money	In Plain Sight "Rubble With a Cause"	FNG Useful benefits.	Seinfeld "The Money"		Sports
3:30		7th Heaven "Gossip"				Battleground			
4:00				America's News HQ	Boston Legal "Kill, Baby, Kill!"	Today's Air Force	Friends		
4:30		Teletubbies				Recon	Namaste Yoga		
5:00	Sports	Rolie Polie Olie				The American Veteran	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad		
5:30									

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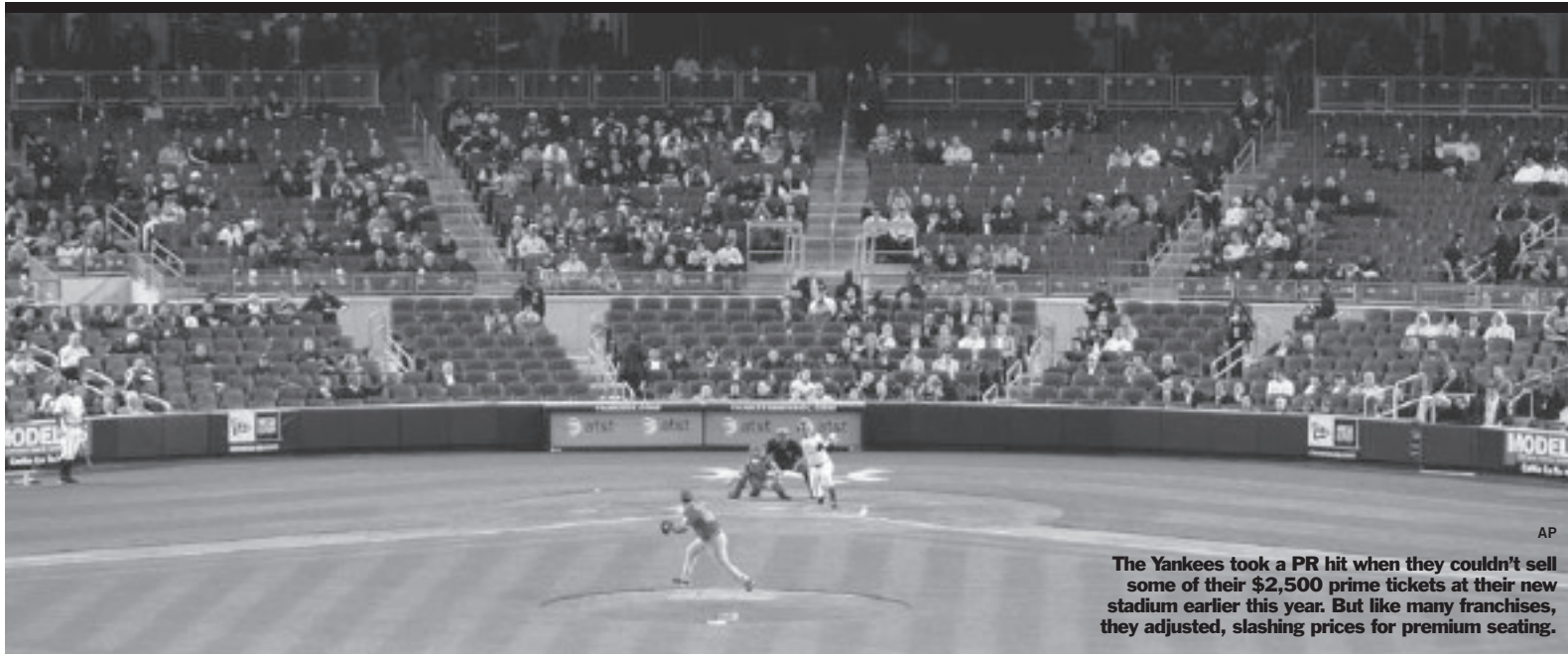
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YOUR MONEY



The Yankees took a PR hit when they couldn't sell some of their \$2,500 prime tickets at their new stadium earlier this year. But like many franchises, they adjusted, slashing prices for premium seating.

Back to the ballpark

Even in bad economy, sports fans still love their games

By EDDIE PELLIS
The Associated Press

Sports fans are familiar with pain that's supposed to end their love affair with the game. There are the labor spats between billionaire team owners and millionaire athletes. The off-field antics that land players in handcuffs. The losing seasons.

Now, the Great Recession has sapped our wealth and ushered in an era of high unemployment and consumer frugality. It's put an end to many unnecessary luxuries and made people more cautious about spending on everyday items, too.

Yet sports fans — as they always do — are still coming back to the ballpark.

The worst recession since World War II has dented but not ended America's passion for sports. Much of the hit has been to skyboxes and the most expensive seats. For the most part, fans are still opening their wallets and going to games.

Exhibit A: the new NFL season. Led by the Dallas Cowboys, who put 105,000-plus in their new, \$1.15 billion stadium on opening night, the league sold out 45 of the first 48 games of 2009.

Baseball? Attendance is down about 7 percent, but still nearly even with 2005, when the economy was booming.

And those who don't attend the games still look for ways to take part: CBS Sports.com reports about a 15 percent increase in fantasy football sign-ups, with many players paying \$20 or more for a season's worth of interactive fun.

It's all in keeping with a trend that has endured through decades of strikes, lockouts and economic turndowns.

Major League Baseball, which bore the full brunt of the recession this season, can attribute at least part of its 7 percent attendance decline to both the New York Yankees and Mets moving into smaller ballparks.

Last month, an Associated Press-

Knowledge Networks poll found 32 percent of baseball fans had attended an MLB game last year, compared with 27 percent this year. At the time, nearly a quarter of fans said it was somewhat or very likely they'd get to a ballpark before the end of the season.

Todd Tompkins of Pinckney, Mich., sat behind first base at Comerica Park on Tuesday, watching his Detroit Tigers start a critical series against the Minnesota Twins in a city ravaged by economic blows. Michigan's unemployment rate, the highest in the nation, is 15.2 percent.

"I'm not a season-ticket holder, but I'll be here all week, and that will be 32 games this season. The economy hasn't hurt me, but you can see it in the (smaller) crowds this year," the 34-year-old Tompkins says.

Fans want to see their teams in action for some of the same reasons movies also traditionally do well in tough economic

times: People need a place to escape, to feel they're part of something.

The Cowboys drew 105,121 fans to the opening of their new stadium in September, all of whom can tell their kids and grandkids they were there for the beginning.

But many team owners who hoped to profit handsomely from premium seats and fine dining are finding less-than-expected demand for those luxuries in these hard times.

The Yankees sold about 95 percent of available seats at the team's new stadium, but most of the unsold tickets were the most expensive ones, according to Yankees President Randy Levine.

The team also took a PR hit when it charged \$2,500 for prime tickets. But like many franchises, it adjusted — slashing prices for the premium seats and announcing the price of about 6,500 seats will drop for the 2010 season.

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Survey finds employers actively seek transitioning servicemembers

You may wear the uniform now, but you won't always. Just ask the federal employee or defense contractor (aka former active-duty servicemember) sitting next to you at the office or in the foxhole. Sooner or later, you too, are going to cross that line and become a civilian, sporting what will hopefully be a civilian job.

The good news, despite a 9.8 percent unemployment rate, is that employers are interested in hiring you. Why? You may have something special going for you by virtue of your military background.

According to a September CareerBuilder/Harris Interactive online survey, 41 percent of employers reported hiring U.S. veterans or members of the National Guard within the last six months. Twenty-one percent report actively recruiting

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veterans and members of the National Guard for open positions in engineering, information technology, management and sales.

According to hiring managers surveyed in the process, you might be a hot commodity if you:

1. Maintain a disciplined approach to work.

Employers like it when employees show up on time, do their jobs and do more than is asked of them. In many career fields, a lack of discipline can be a career-ender.

2. Have the ability to work as a team member.

Every organization needs its leaders and its

followers. They also need to have people on board who can assume each role.

3. Show respect and exhibit integrity. Servicemembers can bring it home in this department.

4. Possess leadership skills. You can be a leader. You could even write the book on it. In fact, why don't you? You just might find yourself a new career.

5. Are able to solve problems on the job. It seems like a small thing, but it's not. The ability to look at a problem, analyze it and implement an effective solution is worth its weight in gold. It requires a certain amount of objectivity, common sense and an ability to consider alternatives.

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YOUR MONEY

Bank of Mom and Dad should cut off the kids

Dear Liz: My husband and I are having a rough time making it from paycheck to paycheck. We make pretty good money. We have four children and end up helping them every month. We cannot seem to make it without going in the hole in our checking account. Could you please help me with what we should do?

Answer: You know what you need to do: Cut off your children (assuming they aren't minors, of course). If you can't make it from one paycheck to the next, you're in no position to help anyone else. Your children may not know the financial straits you're in, or they may not care; either way, it's up to you to close the Bank of Mom and Dad.

Once that financial spigot is shut off, you'll need to look for the other leaks in your financial system. Track where your money is going using personal finance software such as Quicken, online tools such as Quicken Online, Yodlee or Mint, or a notebook and a pen.

If you're still spending more than you make, you'll need to find ways to cut back so that you not

only don't go in the hole but are putting aside money each month. You need to save for retirement and for an emergency fund, among other goals.

To do all this, you'll need to use a word that apparently hasn't been given enough of a workout around your home: "no." "No, we can't help you." "No, we're not going to buy that." "No, I'm not going to let my finances be in chaos because I can't say 'no.'"

Dear Liz: Are banks still lowering the amount of available credit? I'm concerned because we were hoping to use our home equity line of credit to pay for our children's college education, if need be.

Our current balance is less than 5 percent of the total available limit, but my credit reports show our credit line lender recently reviewed our credit history. I am concerned that our bank will lower our available credit as my son is about to start college. Are my concerns valid?

Answer: Perhaps. Lenders have been reducing home equity lines of credit as home values drop. If your mortgage balance and your line of credit total more than 60 percent of the current value of your home, you may be at risk of having your limit reduced right when you planned to use it.

If that's the case and your son is heading off to school in the next year, it might be prudent to withdraw the money now and keep it in a savings account.

If college won't start for several years, though, you might want to explore other options, since it's generally not a good idea to borrow money so far in advance of when you'll need it.

Fortunately, you have plenty of options when it comes to paying for college. Just make sure you fill out a Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Even if you don't qualify for need-based aid, filling out the FAFSA will allow you to apply for federal student loans. Your son can get Stafford loans at a 6.8 percent fixed rate and you could get PLUS loans with a fixed rate ranging from 7.9 to 8.5 percent. PLUS loans allow you to borrow whatever you need to cover any costs not paid for by the student's financial aid package.

Dear Liz: We just paid off nine cards totaling \$49,000. We are credit card debt free. What should we do with the accounts as we are not going to use them except for a couple (to be paid off monthly) as recommended?

Answer: Congratulations! Whether you paid off the debt over time or received a windfall, you were smart to get out from under this burden.

If you can trust yourselves not to run up more debt, your best option is to leave the accounts open and use them occasionally so the issuers don't shut them down for inactivity.

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EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates

Japanese yen (Oct. 5)	88.00
South Korean won (Oct. 5)	1,145.00
Euro costs (Oct. 5)	\$1.4916
Dollar buys (Oct. 5)	€ 0.6704
British pound (Oct. 5)	\$1.62

Commercial rates

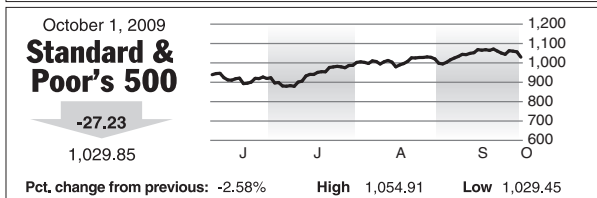
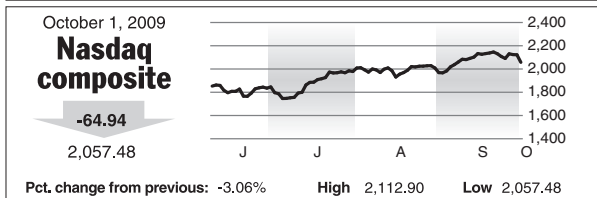
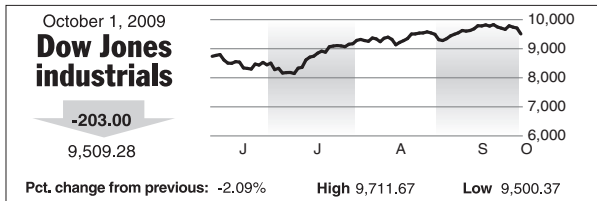
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5922
Canada (Dollar)	1.0832
China (Yuan)	6.8274
Denmark (Krone)	5.0968
Egypt (Pound)	5.4870
Euro	\$1.4607/0.6846
Hong Kong (Dollar)	7.7503
Hungary (Forint)	183.52
Israel (Shekel)	3.7656
Japan (Yen)	88.65
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2866
Norway (Krone)	5.7975
Philippines (Peso)	47.04
Poland (Zloty)	2.90
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7503
Singapore (Dollar)	1.4135
South Korea (Won)	1,177.50
Switzerland (Franc)	1.0336
Thailand (Baht)	33.48
Turkey (New Lira)	1.4946
(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates provided for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one dollar, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)	

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
Discount rate	0.50
Federal funds market rate	0.00-0.25
3-month bill	0.09
30-year bond	3.96

Sources: Bank of America, The Associated Press

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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Led by the Dallas Cowboys, who put 105,000-plus fans in their new, \$1.15 billion stadium on opening night, the NFL sold out 45 of the first 48 games of 2009.

Games: Teams expand number of cheap seats

GAMES, FROM PAGE 30

The Oakland A's doubled the number of \$2 seats available for Wednesday games at the start of the 2009 season. The Tigers added more \$5 tickets and \$5 parking. The NBA, long worried that the average fan was being priced out of the game, saw the number of cheap seats — \$10 or less — double from an average of 500 to about 1,000.

Meanwhile, for the \$20 (or more) it can cost to join a fantasy league with their buddies, football fans can get a season's worth of entertainment without heading to the stadium. Fantasy football is a billion-dollar business that allows fans to build their own teams and compete against others.

"We've found people will continue to pay the price of a movie ticket for a quality fantasy sports experience," says CBS Sports.com senior vice president Jason Kint.

Of course, as the pain caused by the recession begins to fade, there still are ways that fans could be alienated.

Friction over the NFL's collec-

tive bargaining agreement, which expires at the end of next season, could lead to the first work stoppage since 1987 in America's most popular sport.

"You could see a lot of fans being jarred and alienated rather quickly," says Wayne McDonnell, who teaches about sports and the economy at the New York University Tisch Center.

"They could look back at an economic situation and say, 'I committed \$300 to going to a football game and what do I have to show for it?' It's millionaires fighting billionaires over percentage points on gross revenues."

But American fans have a history of returning from those setbacks, too.

MLB attendance dropped 20 percent the season after a strike washed out the World Series in 1994. It took 12 years and the addition of four new teams for the numbers to get back to those levels — but eventually, they did.

The NHL missed the 2004-05 season because of a lockout. The league has set an attendance record every season since.

Survey: Pressure is no problem

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6. Can work under pressure.

You almost have to laugh at this one, don't you? If anyone can work under pressure, it has to be you. Pressure? You eat it for breakfast daily with a double shot of stress.

7. Can effectively communicate with others.

It helps to be able to get your point across, in a written or verbal manner.

There you have it, the top seven attributes that employers seek in transitioning veterans. They are fairly basic and the fact that employers seek them should give you some degree of encouragement.

Add in your technical career proficiencies and you are going to be difficult to compete with.

To help you do that, visit your transition assistance counselor as soon as possible. If you can't get there physically, get there virtually at <http://www.transitionassistanceprogram.com>.

Read up on job search tech-

niques. Hot off the press, revised with you in mind, is the "Military-to-Civilian Career Transition Guide: The Essential Job Search Handbook for Service Members, 2nd Edition" (available through major online bookstores), authored by yours truly.

As you consider what you'll do in your next life, look at a variety of potential career options. Now might be the time to make a real change.

And last, but far, far from least, network your little heart out. Volunteer in your community to strengthen and expand those connections.

Make nice with the civilians in your life because you are about to become one yourself.

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Patience urged as limited vaccine shipped



ELISE AMENDOLA/AP

A flu shot is administered Thursday in Boston. The largest U.S. supplier of flu vaccines says it is running behind on vaccine shipments.

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The long-awaited first vaccinations against swine flu — the squirt-in-the-nose kind — begin early next week in parts of the country, and states are urging people to be patient until more arrives.

Just a trickle of vaccine, 600,000 doses of the nasal spray FluMist, will be divided among 21 states and four large cities by Tuesday, with more small shipments to more states later in the week.

"We're moving this out as quickly as we can," said Oregon's

public health director, Dr. Mel Kohn, who hopes shipments arrive in time to begin some vaccinations on Monday. "This doesn't do any good sitting in a warehouse."

Most states are aiming their first small batches at health care workers, hoping to keep them well enough to be on the job as cases of swine flu — what doctors prefer to call the 2009 H1N1 strain — are rapidly increasing nationwide.

In Chicago, firefighters will share first doses with hospitals, to get some emergency responders protected, too.

Alaska wants its meager first 4,000 FluMist doses to head directly to preschoolers, ages 2 to 4.

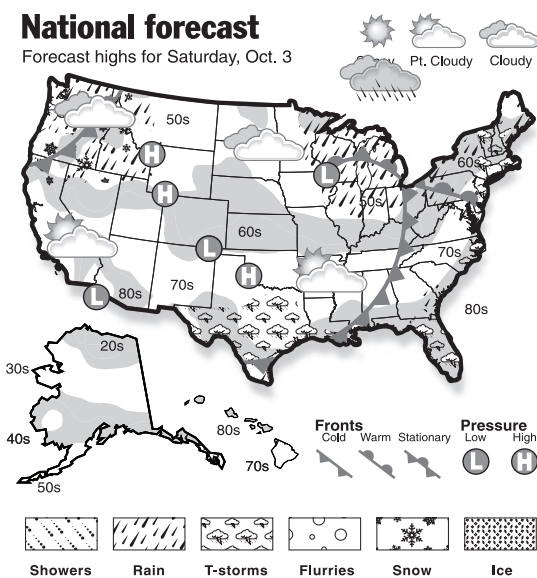
And Pennsylvania will target its initial 58,000 FluMist doses mostly to 5- to 9-year-olds in parts of the state where H1N1 is most active. It's the school-age kids who are getting infected most, said Pennsylvania's acting physician general, Dr. Stephen Ostroff, and the under-10 crowd is going to need two doses of swine flu vaccine.

"Our figuring is, let's get started in the group that's going to take longest to get protected," he said.

WEATHER OUTLOOK

National forecast

Forecast highs for Saturday, Oct. 3



Wet Weather Moves Into The Northwest

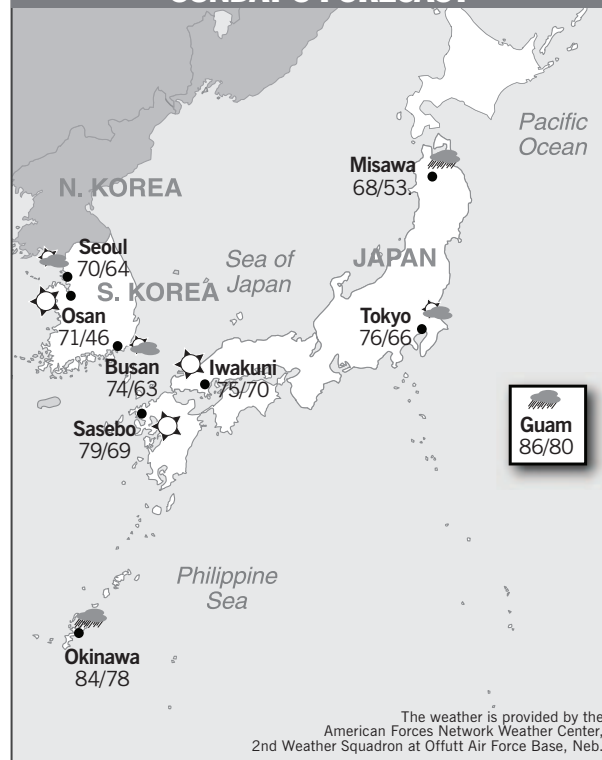
The Pacific Northwest will see rain showers as low pressure pushes into the West Coast. Snow is possible in the higher elevations. In the East, thunderstorms will move off the coast into the Atlantic throughout the day.

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Friday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	50	50	Rain	LaPaz	63	37	Rain
Athens	82	55	Clr	Lima	65	57	Rain
Auckland	60	55	Rain	Lisbon	62	68	Clr
Baghdad	93	66	Clr	London	64	50	Clr
Basra	97	43	pc	Madrid	77	59	Clr
Bahrain	96	84	Clr	Managua	93	75	Clr
Bangkok	79	73	Rain	Manila	86	78	Rain
Barbados	88	77	Rain	Mecca	107	82	Clr
Barcelona	79	62	Rain	Melbourne	63	48	pc
Beijing	82	55	Rain	MexicoCity	78	57	Clr
Beirut	82	70	Clr	Montevideo	55	48	Rain
Belgrade	81	53	Clr	Montreal	46	41	Rain
Berlin	57	48	Rain	Moscow	51	33	pc
Bermuda	81	68	Rain	Nairobi	78	55	pc
Bogota	68	42	pc	Nassau	86	76	Rain
Brasilia	89	63	Clr	NewDelhi	96	80	Clr
Brisbane	78	52	Clr	Nice	75	64	Rain
Brussels	65	48	Rain	Osaka	84	66	pc
Bucharest	76	49	pc	Oslo	48	33	Rain
Budapest	71	51	pc	Panama	84	76	Rain
BuenosAires	60	52	pc	Paris	66	53	pc
Cairo	85	73	Clr	Perth	68	39	Clr
Calgary	55	23	Clr	Prague	66	49	Rain
Caracas	93	82	pc	RioDeJaneiro	71	60	pc
Colombo	84	78	Rain	Rome	77	59	pc
Copenhagen	55	42	Rain	SanJose	84	67	pc
Dhahran	105	75	Clr	SanJuan	92	80	Clr
Dhaka	94	82	Clr	SanSalvador	87	69	pc
Dili	95	74	Clr	Santiago	73	35	Clr
Dubai	101	80	Clr	SaoPaulo	69	54	pc
Dublin	55	44	Rain	Sapporo	74	50	Cldy
Frankfurt	67	52	Rain	Seoul	80	60	pc
Geneva	75	50	Clr	Singapore	86	77	Rain
Guatemala	80	64	pc	Sofia	78	46	Clr
Hanoi	78	73	Rain	Stockholm	50	30	Rain
Harare	84	59	pc	Sydney	92	54	Clr
Havana	87	69	Rain	Taipei	84	78	Rain
Helsinki	50	29	pc	Tegucigalpa	85	60	pc
HongKong	87	78	Rain	Tehran	82	60	Clr
Islamabad	98	73	Clr	TelAviv	85	67	Clr
Istanbul	73	59	Clr	Tokyo	73	64	Rain
Jakarta	92	75	Clr	Turin	75	59	pc
Jerusalem	85	67	Clr	Toronto	53	41	Rain
Johannesburg	71	53	pc	Trujillo	82	69	Rain
Kabul	87	53	Clr	Valletta	79	64	Rain
Kiev	61	36	Clr	Vancouver	53	48	Rain
KualaLumpur	92	75	Rain	Vienna	72	51	pc
Kuwait	102	77	Clr	Warsaw	61	38	Rain
				Zurich	68	43	pc

SUNDAY'S FORECAST



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Saturday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Abilene, Tex.	78	54	Cldy	Casper	59	27	Cldy	Erie	64	53	Cldy	Jacksonville	84	64	Cldy
Akron, Ohio	62	47	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	81	63	Cldy	Eugene	60	41	Cldy	Juneau	51	32	PCldy
Albany, N.Y.	68	52	Rain	Charleston, W.Va.	68	52	PCldy	Evansville	66	46	Cldy	Kansas City	61	43	Cldy
Albuquerque	74	43	Clr	Charlotte, N.C.	79	59	Clr	Fairbanks	40	23	Cldy	Key West	87	77	PCldy
Allentown, Pa.	74	43	Clr	Chattanooga	77	50	PCldy	Fargo	54	37	Cldy	Knoxville	73	50	PCldy
Amarillo	72	41	Clr	Cheyenne	60	29	PCldy	Flagstaff	63	32	PCldy	Lake Charles	82	60	Cldy
Anchorage	48	38	Rain	Chicago	56	44	Cldy	Flint	56	44	Rain	Lansing	54	43	Rain
Asheville	72	48	Clr	Cincinnati	62	47	Cldy	Fort Smith	75	46	Clr	Las Vegas	84	61	Clr
Atlanta	75	53	Clr	Cleveland	60	49	Cldy	Fort Wayne	56	46	Cldy	Lexington	62	47	Cldy
Atlantic City	76	60	Rain	Colorado Springs	63	30	Clr	Fresno	78	54	Clr	Lincoln	61	40	PCldy
Austin	76	62	Rain	Columbia, S.C.	81	59	PCldy	Goodland	67	31	PCldy	Little Rock	77	48	Clr
Baltimore	77	62	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	82	54	Clr	Grand Junction	73	34	PCldy	Los Angeles	76	59	PCldy
Baton Rouge	80	56	PCldy	Columbus, Ohio	65	49	Cldy	Grand Rapids	56	44	Rain	Louisville	62	48	Cldy
Billings	60	34	PCldy	Concord, N.H.	66	49	Rain	Great Falls	53	31	Cldy	Lubbock	78	47	PCldy
Birmingham	79	46	Clr	Corpus Christi	91	73	Cldy	Green Bay	55	44	Cldy	Macon	81	53	PCldy
Bismarck	52	34	PCldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	79	58	PCldy	Greensboro, N.C.	78	58	PCldy	Madison	56	45	Cldy
Boise	55	43	Cldy	Dayton	59	45	Cldy	Harrisburg	74	52	Cldy	Medford	57	42	Cldy
Boston	71	56	Rain	Daytona Beach	86	71	Cldy	Hartford Spgfld	68	55	Rain	Memphis	78	53	Clr
Bridgeport	71	58	Rain	Denver	65	33	PCldy	Helena	53	31	Cldy	Miami Beach	88	76	Cldy
Brownsville	96	80	PCldy	Des Moines	57	44	Cldy	Honolulu	88	75	Clr	Midland-Odessa	86	58	Cldy
Buffalo	64	50	Cldy	Detroit	56	47	Rain	Houston	83	65	Rain	Milwaukee	56	48	Cldy
Burlington, Vt.	63	52	Rain	Duluth	49	39	Rain	Huntsville	78	45	Clr	Mpls-St. Paul	54	43	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	59	40	Rain	El Paso	82	57	Cldy	Indianapolis	56	47	Cldy	Missoula	57	37	Cldy
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Atsugi, Japan - 1995 Honda Odyssey, JCI till Aug 2010. Very Clean, No Smoking, Automatic Transmission, Power Doors and Windows, A/C working great. Also comes with Kenwood CD Receiver Stereo and 17" inch Rims with All four new Tires. Turn Up a week ago Well Maintain and Smells Great. Asking \$2400 OBO Please Call 264-7994 or 09013928348.

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Negishi, Japan - Clean, Non Smoking 1995 Nissan Joy, Blue Station Wagon w/ luggage rack. Seats 7. 4 cylinder, automatic trans, cold AC, runs great. Excellent gas mileage. 500 Y-plate equals cheap road tax. Base inspection and JCI good until 2011. Asking \$1,000. Will deliver to area bases. Call 090 3915 3575.

Yokota, Japan - 1992 Honda Legend 4-door luxury sedan dark green color. Working A/C and heater. The car comes with Kenwood MP3/WMA CD stereo and Chrome rims, spacious trunk space. JCI expires mid-October, 2009. Asking \$200 OBO MUST SELL ASAP. Will consider any offers. Please call 225-3680, ask for James or 080-6684-2680

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Honda Civic Red, hatchback, fully maintained, very reliable car. A/C, power windows, A/C, CD 81KM mileage, JCI until September 2010. Asking \$1500 OBO Please call 323-338-7534

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Yokota, Japan - 1996 Honda Legend sell JCI is good for two years (05/2011). A/C works great. Interior is nice. Interior also has in dash TV/DVD/Navigation and Exterior is great also. Car runs really well. Asking price \$2700 Call for more information 090-4228-5896

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Nissan Serena Great family car seats up to 8 people. 500 tag, so cheaper road tax to pay. Nice stereo inside dual a/c and heat. Passengers in back have remote control to adjust their air. Runs great, no problems. Available anytime after Oct. 6 will post photo soon. JCI until Feb. 2010 Asking \$900 OBO Please call 623-734-9649

Yokota, Japan - 1997 Toyota Camry 4 door, ac/ heat/4 new tires/ tan/ powered windows and driver's seat / Japanese GPS/ cloth seats/ still has 1 yr JCI until Oct. 2010 asking price \$1200 OBO Please email gregg.matthew@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - 95 Honda Odyssey Good/clean condition runs great. A/C, power windows. iPod docking station available on 21 Sep 09. JCI until June 2010. Asking \$1000 OBO Please call 702-946-6075

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 1998 Subaru Legacy 5-speed update White-5-speed-Sunroof-Interior and exterior in good condition. Kenwood head unit-130xxx km-Almost stock. Only extras are exhaust, tien adjustable suspension and a vacuum gauge. Price is negotiable. JCI until Nov. 2009. Asking \$2100 OBO You can contact me on my cell 080-4053-9239 or home 5583686861. You can also e-mail me at johannatn.mckee@yokota.af.mil Thanks.

Yokota, Japan - 2000 Lincoln LS Low miles (80,XXXX KM), V-8 Engine, TV/Navigation, sunroof, leather, CD player, 6-disc CD changer. Interior and engine very clean, runs well, Road tax paid, JCI good until June 2011. Power Doors and Locks, A/C/Heat. Asking price \$2400 OBO If interested please contact me via e-mail T_bone281@me.com or at 090-6549-5007

Yokota, Japan - Be Original - Own a VIP. My lost or gain Fully Loaded. A must to drive. Smooth and classy my lost your gain willing to negotiate. JCI until March 2011 please call 090-6630-9557 or email jnyram@gmail.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - 93 Toyota Sprinter \$900 must sell Blue, 4door Automatic, Great A/C, and Heater. Very Reliable car. I've never had any problems with it. The paint on the roof is cracked, and the body has a few minor dings. JCI until Aug. 2010 if you can get past the cosmetics this car will never let you down. I'm not trying to make a profit I'm just asking what I paid for the car. Asking \$900 Please call 901-273-9907 must sell ASAP! Ask for Daniel

Yokota, Japan - 96 Suzuki Wagon R Turbo 2 yr JCI (Sept 2011). 30mpg and fill it up for less than \$20. Yellow plate means cheap road tax. Automatic transmission, 91,000km and runs great. Great condition inside and out. The perfect city car you can park it anywhere. See it on the Lemon Lot for \$2,900 obo. Call 702-257-6813 (H) or 080-6566-4443 (C)

Yokota, Japan - Honda Very clean and great condition. Comes with a cover asking \$2500 OBO Please email lbumpy@yahoo.com

Autos for Sale 141

Yokota, Japan - Crown Royal - For Sale Beautiful Car in excellent condition. Power everything Climate / cruise control. Dual airbags, recent maintenance, new tires, battery, brake pads. 18" custom wheels, 2nd set of Crown stock wheels (Goodyear 205/65 - 15R) Sony AM/FM/CD/MP3 player. Recalling back seats JCI until August 2011, asking \$3300 Please call 509 343-0822 or email dolbym@yahoo.com

Yokota, Japan - Mitsubishi Chariot GT 2years of JCI Great car - very clean interior, runs great, 5-speed manual transmission, seats 6 total but third set of seats fold away completely for a bigger trunk if needed. Moon roof, auto windows & locks 95KM (59,000miles) on car. Tape deck as well as a 12-disc CD changer. Heat and A/C is excellent! Roof rack, tinted rear windows. 500Y plate = low road tax, great gas mileage! wonderful road trip vehicle for seeing Japan! Not to mention 2 years of JCI - good 17SEP09 - 17 SEP11. Asking \$3500 OBO Please Feel free to call 646-957-9378 to set up a test drive and check it out!

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Yokota, Japan - Selling a Navy Blue 1995 Toyota Vista with approx. 100,000 kilometers, JCI due in Nov. 2009 runs well, very player and A/C work, automatic locks and windows. Two brand new front tires. Available after Oct. 1st. Asking \$1000 Please call 614-358-4886 or email jfknight20@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Selling my Subaru WRX 5spd intake Fujitsu exhaust rims pioneer head unit turbo timer nice car runs good it needs JCI. I have the papers from BX garage and all it needs to pass is windshield wiper blade and headlight alignment. Everything else passed. Asking \$3500 Please email yokotaads123@gmail.com

Zama - 89 Toyota Mark II: Power everything, A/C works great. JCI until OCT 2010. Good running, dependable car, very low mileage. \$750 OBO. Please call 263-7121, leave a message if we are not in.

Motorcycles 164

Atsugi - For Sale 1993 Harley Davidson Dyna Wide Glide bike has 48273 miles and about 2000 miles on big bore kit, has Mikuni racing carb, drag pipes, custom paint, frame has been chopped and raked out, and many more additions. Asking \$6500.00 obo contact Ivan 08058695453.

Atsugi - For Sale 2008 Harley Davidson Dyna Street Bob bike is all stock also comes with scream eagle mufflers, only has 1000 miles on bike runs great and strong asking \$13,000.00 obo contact Ivan 08058695453 or April 08058695462.

Motorcycles 164

Yokota, Japan - 2003 Aprilia RSV 1000 new low price. Great Italian Sport bike! Less than 2000 km, 6-Speed, and 1000cc Rotax V-Twin. On-board computer with lap timer switches between metric and imperial units. JCI until Ma2010 All original manuals included asking \$5000 Please e-mail s.gurian@yahoo.com for more info.

Yokota, Japan - 84 Yamaha XJ750 Due to PCS the Mad Max bike is for sale. I rode this bike year round all over. The Good: this bike runs like a top and is practically bullet proof. All four cylinders are running strong! I've jettied out the curbs to the max, customized the exhaust, improve the brakes w/ steel braided lines, recent new battery, good tires and JCI. The Bad: Low beam burned out, just use the high beam and point the headlight down, no problems. It smokes, but this just adds character. Maintenance manual and 1/2 quart of oil included. JCI until Oct 2010. Asking price \$1000 OBO Call 080-3683-0028 or 080-4124-4860.

Baby Items 200

Yokota, Japan - Double Stroller Nice, clean front and back double stroller. Paid \$100-shp. Asking \$75 OBO The picture is close to what the stroller looks like. Please only serious people that will show up to pick up contact me-Thanks! Please call 3145583462

Books 250

Yokota, Japan - HIST 156 UMUC Portrait of America: Volume 1: To 1877 Edition 9th by Stephen Oates, Charles J. Ertter. Asking \$35 Please call 12 161 984 39 or email rabbiab4@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Speech 100 Book Tenth Edition Human Communication Book by Joseph A. DeVito is for sale for \$40 in good condition. Asking \$40 Please call 614-358-4886

Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - AF Men's Mess Dress Pants 32 inch waist x 32. I made the mistake of buying mess dress pants when I first commissioned. I wore them once and have since put on a couple of pounds. Email Rob at carter1980@yahoo.com if interested. Asking \$35 Please email sval514@gmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Brand New Air Force Ball dress size 10 strapless sweetheart cut with rhinestone decor. Red in color size 10 just got on Monday but it doesn't fit. Asking \$180 (My loss your gain!) Paid \$213.00 plus shipping to get it here. Please call 971-244-0286

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Clothing 320

Yokota, Japan - Large Bag filled w/ G8T clothes for older boy My son has cleaned out his closet and has put together a bag filled w/ really nice clothes for an older boy. All the clothes are really nice (Jeans, shirts, shirt sets, shorts, etc). Sizes are 10/12 - 12/14, 14/16 clothes for all seasons. My son is only asking \$25 for this large bag of really nice clothes. If not home, please leave your name w/ a good contact number. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you.

Yokota, Japan - New ABU Boots Belleville ABU boots (AF Style 650, Size 9R). Never worn, NIB Retail for \$100+, asking \$50 Please call Jonathan (509) 343-0824

Club/Parties 340

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Computers 360

Yokota, Japan - Toshiba Laptop Intel core 2, 1.6gh, 1g ram, preinstalled windows 7, RTM, Microsoft office 2007, avg, anti-virus, wiper, advance system care, Google chrome. Perfect for web browsing, home work and daily sausage. Asking \$300 OBO call 9043282069 or email all101085@hotmail.com

Crafts/Hobbies 380

Yokota, Japan - Tons of scrapbooking items must go now I have tons of scrapbooking items for sale. You name it, it's probably here! I have everything bagged up into sets by themes, ready to go NOW. All priced extremely low to sell immediately. Prices start at \$2.50 a set - \$20 a set. If not home, please leave name and number so I may return your call. Please call 916-473-4488 Thank you. There are a lot of really cute items in these sets!

Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - 1 King size mattress for sale \$300 CALL 090-4228-5896

Yokota, Japan - 1 twin bed set mattress, box spring and frame Asking \$200 Please call Lante 13147351005

Yokota, Japan - Ikea Couch Bed Got this bed a month ago but it looked smaller in the store. No room in my small Japanese apartment must sell for smaller couch bed. The color is brown and the cover is washable. The size is around a queen when it is 'own. Cost \$450 new will take \$300 OBO Can Deliver! Call 080.6673.1820

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Furniture 510

Yokota, Japan - Great Wardrobe! Large pine-colored wardrobe with sliding doors covered with a full-length mirror on one door available to anyone who wants it (photo is only an example - ours is wider with one mirror). Approx 6 feet tall, 8-9 feet wide, 2-3 feet deep Holds A LOT of clothes, both hanging and folded, stacked on the large top shelf. Great piece, we just have no room since we had a baby! FREE! Please email soccerpoet@hotmail.com

Yokota, Japan - Lots of furniture for sale, just moved here brought way too much. Need to sell. DR set, FS bed, butcher's rack, Total Gym, book shelves, very large computer desk, and much more! Will be available October 6 in New American Village, prices varies Please call 7042492941 or email theresa_rob@hotmail.com

Household Items 560

Yokota, Japan - Longaberger Vintage Vine Pottery Collection Cree. This Longaberger line has retired. It is in excellent condition, never used. I have a settling for eight plus serving dishes. I am willing to negotiate within reason. These are great for hosting any occasion. Asking \$500 Please call 214-261-6370

Household Items 560

Yokota - West Bend 6-Quart Slow Cooker An ideal size for five to six people, this 6-quart-capacity programmable appliance cooks up everything from soups and casseroles to pot roasts and curries, making dinnertime easier than ever. Timed cook option from 4 to 12 hours; auto shut-off after 20 hours. High, low, and keep-warm temperature settings; stay-cool side handles. Crock doubles as a serving dish; dishwasher-safe crock and glass cover. Asking \$20 Please call 080-4151-1869 or email scott_jason_d@i.soft-bank.jp

Home Electronics 570

Yokota, Japan - 32GB iPod Touch Lightly used 32GB iPod Touch in box. Includes headphones, leather carrying case, charging cable and wall charger. Asking \$250 OBO Please call 080-6772-2480

Yokota, Japan - gray glass TV stand 100CM long 50 CM wide 50 CM high. Asking \$50 Please call (323)338-7553

Yokota, Japan - Guitar Hero III - Legends of Rock - Wii version great working, still have stickers on-stuck on guitar. Have original manual and papers. Lightly played by adults Asking \$30 Please call Ian 1-949-258-6901

Yokota, Japan - I am selling an 80 GB ps3(great condition, only had since Christmas), 2 dual shock 3 controllers, Sony ps3 blue tooth headset, Kill zone 2, midnight club 3, fallout 3, Viking, Mercenaries 2, and Grand Theft auto 4. Asking \$500 OBO Please call 080-4154-1469 or email reflectingsignals@hotmail.com

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Front four a fierce combo for Sooners

By JEFF LATZKE
The Associated Press

NORMAN, Okla. — Jeremy Beal is the bookworm. Gerald McCoy and Adrian Taylor provide the muscle. Auston English brings a burst of speed.

Together, they give No. 8 Oklahoma (2-1) one of the most feared defensive lines in the country and this week they're gunning for one of college football's new stars, Jacory Harris of No. 17 Miami (2-1).

A mixture of some of the team's most outspoken players and guys who prefer not to say a word, all four can wreak havoc in an opponent's backfield.

"Everybody has something different about them, bringing it to the table," said Taylor, who makes up half of Oklahoma's talkative tackle tandem. "Some guys are smarter, some guys are stronger, some guys are faster."

None of them can be ignored.

Beal had the most recent stand-out performance, tallying a career-best three sacks in a 45-0 victory against Tulsa that marked the Sooners' second straight shut-out. But each of the other starters have contributed one sack apiece to Oklahoma's average of four per game, the fourth-best mark in the country.

"They've got guys everywhere," Miami center A.J. Trump said. "They've got two guys inside who

SIDELINE SELECTIONS		'Canes, Sooners meet in Top 25 showdown	
		If 17th-ranked Miami can beat No. 8 Oklahoma, it should make another big jump in the rankings and talk of making a national title run can resume.	
RANK/TEAMS (ranked teams in bold)	STORYLINE	Ralph D. Russo • AP	PICK
No. 3 Alabama at Kentucky	Gators, Tide back-to-back; schedule maker clearly no Wildcats fan		Alabama 45-14
No. 4 LSU at No. 18 Georgia	Tigers haven't played as well as their ranking suggests		LSU 24-21
UC Davis at No. 5 Boise St.	Broncos coach Chris Petersen played QB at Davis		Boise St. 50-14
No. 6 Va. Tech at Duke	Hokies defense looked like its old self vs. Miami		Va. Tech 24-3
No. 7 USC at No. 24 California	USC has won five straight meetings		USC 17-14
No. 8 Okla. at No. 17 Miami	Bradford or not ...		Okla. 28-24
No. 9 Ohio St. at Indiana	Buckeyes' D looking for third straight shutout		Ohio St. 28-14
No. 10 Cin. at Miami (Ohio)	RedHawks on nine-game losing streak		Cincinnati 58-10
SMU at No. 11 TCU	Frogs had streak of 27 games with a sack snapped last week		TCU 45-14
No. 12 Houston at UTEP	Miners rank last in nation in total offense		Houston 38-10
Arkansas St. at No. 13 Iowa	Hawkeyes' D makes them Big 10 contenders		Iowa 28-3
No. 15 Penn St. at Illinois	Nittany Lions having O-line issues		Penn St. 27-14
Wash. St. at No. 16 Oregon	Who were those guys in the Ducks' uniforms at Boise?		Oregon 55-13
No. 21 Miss. at Vanderbilt	Vandy was last team to hold Rebels' Jevan Snead without TD pass		Ole Miss 28-14
No. 22 Mich. at Mich. St.	First road game for inexperienced Wolverines		Michigan 31-24
No. 25 Ga. Tech at Miss. St.	Jackets ran for 438 vs. Bulldogs last season		Ga. Tech 31-13

are good, two ends that are All-American caliber. They've just got guys. They're tough."

They know how to have fun, too. McCoy, Beal and Taylor share a house in Norman with backup defensive tackle Pryce Macon, and the rest of the linemen are frequent guests for video games and what Taylor calls "comedy all the time."

"We've grown closer over the years because for the most part all of our line kind of came in together," McCoy said. "For the

most part, we're pretty much the same age. As the years went by, we've just grown closer and closer and closer. Now we're just real tight."

Taylor says he and McCoy are the funny men of the group, while Beal has earned the nickname "Caveman" for hiding out in his room. English, well, he's somewhere in the middle.

"He's confused," Taylor said. "Sometimes he's nervous to say what he wants to say because he doesn't know if he'll get a laugh

or not."

Their bond, though, is indisputable.

"We don't even call each other friends any more," Taylor said. "It's just we're all brothers. ... Camaraderie is a big part of our team. On and off the field, you can definitely feel the family aspect of the team."

On the field, Taylor describes the rest of the group this way:

■ McCoy, considered a top NFL prospect, has speed and strength with "legs like a tree trunk" pro-

viding his sturdy foundation;

■ Beal outsmarts the competition and knows to use his raw power and when to speed past;

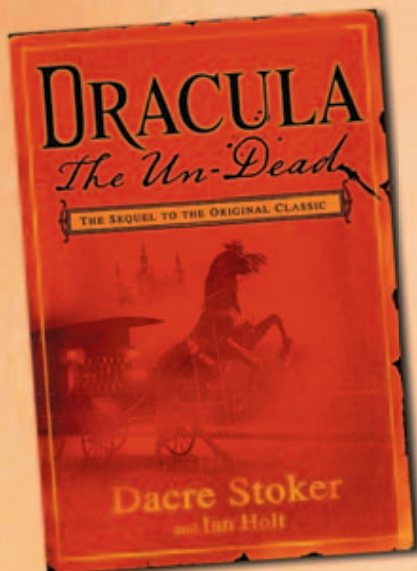
■ English, who also played running back in high school, uses his reflexes and speed to get off the ball and into the backfield first. "A-Town," as he's known, led the Big 12 with 9½ sacks in 2007 before injuries and an appendectomy got in his way.

That leaves Taylor to do his dirty work, collapsing the pocket with his 6-foot-4, 291-pound frame.

Defensive coordinator Brent Venables has made the most of the group's skills, devising ways to use the same players to convert Oklahoma's usual 4-3 defense into a 3-4 look. Beal and English have proven they can stand up and serve as a temporary linebacker, and McCoy lined up at end instead of tackle against Tulsa.

Their task this week is to disrupt Harris, who threw for 656 yards and ranked third in the nation in passing efficiency through his first two starts of the season. Virginia Tech may have provided a formula for handling Harris in its 31-7 victory over Miami last week, holding him to 150 yards on 9-for-25 passing with an interception and a fumble."

AP Sports Writer Tim Reynolds contributed to this report from Coral Gables, Fla.



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SCOREBOARD

Sports on AFN

Deals

College football

Pro basketball

Saturday
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-MLB: Kansas City at Minnesota (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-College football: Utah State at BYU (dld).

Sunday
AFN-Atlantic, 1 a.m.-College football: Alabama at Kentucky.
AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.-College football: Wisconsin at Minnesota.
AFN-Xtra, 1 a.m.-College football: Michigan at Michigan State.
AFN-Atlantic, 4:30 a.m.-College football: UCLA at Stanford.
AFN-Sports, 4:30 a.m.-College football: LSU at Georgia.
AFN-Xtra, 4:30 a.m.-College football: Air Force at Navy.
AFN-Xtra, 8:45 a.m.-College football: Auburn at Tennessee.
AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.-College football: Southern California at California.
AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.-College football: Oklahoma at Miami.
AFN-Xtra, 1 p.m.-College football: Colorado State at Idaho (joined in progress).
AFN-Sports, 4 p.m.-College football: Washington at Notre Dame (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-College football: Florida State at Boston College (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 7 p.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Nationwide Kansas 300 (dld).
AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.-College football: Ohio State at Indiana (dld).

Monday
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.-NFL: Seattle at Indianapolis.
AFN-Sports, 2 a.m.-NFL: Baltimore at New England.
AFN-Xtra, 3 a.m.-Auto racing: NASCAR Sprint Cup Price Chopper 400.
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.-NFL: Dallas at Denver.
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.-NFL: N.Y. Jets at New Orleans.
AFN-Xtra, 8 a.m.-Drag racing: NHRA Mid-South Nationals.
AFN-Sports, 9:15 a.m.-NFL: San Diego at Pittsburgh.
AFN-Xtra, 4 p.m.-NFL: Detroit at Chicago.
AFN-Sports, 4:30 p.m.-WNBA playoffs: Finals, Phoenix at Indiana, Game 3 (dld).
AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.-To be announced (dld).
AFN-Xtra, 11 p.m.-NFL: N.Y. Giants at Kansas City (dld).

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MLS									
EASTERN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Columbus	12	4	10	46	40	28			
Chicago	10	6	11	41	38	33			
New England	10	9	7	37	31	35			
D.C.	8	7	12	36	40	40			
Toronto FC	9	10	8	35	35	40			
Kansas City	8	11	7	31	28	34			
New York	4	17	6	18	22	44			
WESTERN CONFERENCE									
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA			
Houston	12	8	7	43	35	26			
Los Angeles	10	6	11	41	33	31			
Colorado	10	8	9	39	40	32			
Seattle	9	7	11	38	32	26			
Chivas USA	11	9	5	38	26	25			
Real Salt Lake	9	11	7	34	38	34			
FC Dallas	9	12	6	33	45	43			
San Jose	6	12	7	25	31	43			
NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.									
Wednesday's game									
FC Dallas 1, New England 0									
Friday's game									
Chicago at Los Angeles									
Saturday's games									
Seattle FC at Columbus									
Chivas USA at D.C. United									
New England at Colorado									
New York at San Jose									
Sunday's games									
Kansas City at Houston									
Wednesday, October 7									
FC Dallas at San Jose, 10 p.m.									
Saturday, October 10									
San Jose at Toronto FC									
Columbus at New England									
Kansas City at Chivas USA									

Boxing

Fight schedule
Oct. 6
At Osaka, Japan, Denkaos Kaovichit, Thailand, vs. Daiki Kameda, Japan, 12, Kaovichit's WBA flyweight title.
At WaMu Theatre at Madison Square Garden, New York, Juan Manuel Lopez, Puerto Rico, vs. Rogers Matagwa, Philadelphia, 12, for the WBO junior featherweight title; Yuriorkis Gamboa, Miami, vs. Whyber Garcia, Panama, 12, for Gamboa's WBA featherweight title; Odianier

Thursday's transactions
BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX—Promoted Sam Kennedy to executive vice president/chief operating officer and Jonathan Gilula to executive vice president/business affairs.
National Basketball Association
CHICAGO BULLS—Waived C Steven Hill.
MILWAUKEE BUCKS—Waived F Marcus Hubbard and G Mark Tyndale.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Signed DT Hollis Thomas. Released DT Ra'Shon Harris.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ATLANTA THRASHERS—Assigned D Nathan Ostryck to Chicago (AHL) and D Chad Denny to Gwinnett (ECHL).
DALLAS STARS—Signed D Stephane Robidas to a four-year contract extension, through the 2013-14 season.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS—Announced RW Brendan Shanahan has left the team.
PHILADELPHIA FLYERS—Recalled D Marc-Andre Bourdon and G Michael-Lee Teslak from Adirondack (AHL).
PHOENIX COYOTES—Signed C Colin Long. Assigned F Kevin Porter to San Antonio (AHL).
COLLEGE
BOWLING GREEN—Signed men's basketball coach Louis Orr to a two-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.
MOUNT OLIVE—Named Clarence Rose men's and women's assistant golf coach.
PENN STATE—Signed men's basketball coach Ed DeChellis to a three-year contract extension through the 2013-14 season.
SAM HOUSTON STATE—Named Leslie Reinecker women's assistant basketball coach.
SHENANDOAH—Named Patrick Wingfield assistant baseball coach.

Tennis

Pan Pacific Open
Friday
At Ariake Colosseum
Tokyo
Purse: \$2 million (Premier)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Semifinals
Jelena Jankovic (7), Serbia, def. Li Na (15), China, 6-4, 6-3.
Maria Sharapova, Russia, def. Agnieszka Radwanska (11), Poland, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.
Doubles
Semifinals
Alisa Klebanova, Russia, and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Liekele Huber (1), United States, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Ai Sugiyama, Japan, def. Gisela Dulko, Argentina, and Nadia Petrova, Russia, 7-6 (4), 7-5.

Malaysian Open
Friday
At Putra Stadium
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
Purse: \$947,750 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Quarterfinals
Robin Soderling (3), Sweden, def. Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-2.
Nikolay Davydenko (1), Russia, def. Gael Monfils (5), France, 6-3, 6-3.
Fernando Gonzalez (4), Chile, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-3, 6-4.
Fernando Verdasco (2), Spain, def. Richard Gasquet, France, 7-5, 6-4.

Thailand Open
Friday
At Impact Arena
Bangkok, Thailand
Purse: \$608,500 (WT250)
Surface: Hard-Indoor
Singles
Quarterfinals
Jurgen Melzer (6), Austria, def. Andreas Beck, Germany, 6-4, 6-2.
Gilles Simon (2), France, def. Evgeny Korolev, Russia, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (1), France, def. Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-4.
Viktor Troicki (4), Serbia, def. John Isner (8), United States, 7-6 (3), 6-2.

Solis, Cuba, vs. Kevin Johnson, Asbury Park, N.J., 10, heavyweights; Vases Martirosyan, Glendale, Calif., vs. Carlos Nascimento, Brazil, 10, super welterweights.
At Tokyo, Toshiaki Nishioka, Japan, vs. Ivan Hernandez, Mexico, 12, for Nishioka's WBC junior featherweight title; Jorge Linares, Tokyo, vs. Juan Carlos Salgado, Mexico, 12, for Linares' WBA junior lightweight title.
At Nokia Theatre, Los Angeles, Israel Vazquez, Huntington Park, Calif., vs. Angel Priolo, Colombia, 10, featherweights.

Thursday's scores
EAST
West Virginia 35, Colorado 24
SOUTH
UAB 30, Southern Miss. 17
SOUTHWEST
Alcorn St. 0, Ark.-Pine Bluff 0, susp., weather

Schedule
Friday
SOUTH
Pittsburgh (3-1) at Louisville (1-2)
FAR WEST
Utah St. (1-2) at BYU (3-1)
Saturday
EAST
Tulane (1-2) at Army (2-2)
Sacred Heart (0-3) at Cent. Connecticut St. (2-1)
South Florida (4-0) at Syracuse (2-2)
Lafayette (2-1) at Yale (1-1)
Rhode Island (1-2) at Brown (0-2)
Harvard (1-1) at Lehigh (0-3)
Wagner (2-0) at Bryant (2-1)
Georgetown, D.C. (0-4) at Bucknell (2-2)
SOUTH
Cornell (2-2) at Colgate (4-0)
Robert Morris (0-4) at Duquesne (1-3)
Old Dominion (3-1) at Fordham (0-3)
Campbell (1-2) at Marist (1-3)
Holy Cross (3-0) at Northeastern (0-4)
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SOUTH
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Presbyterian (0-4) at Stony Brook (1-3)
SOUTH
Florida St. (2-2) at Boston College (3-1)
Cent. Michigan (3-1) at Buffalo (1-3)
Air Force (3-1) at Navy (2-2)
New Hampshire (3-0) at Towson (1-2)
Delaware (2-2) at Maine (2-2)
William & Mary (4-0) at Villanova (4-0)
SOUTH
Virginia Tech (3-1) at Duke (2-2)
East Carolina (2-2) at Marshall (3-1)
Clemson (2-2) at Maryland (1-3)
Virginia (0-3) at North Carolina (3-1)
Alabama (4-0) at Kentucky (2-2), 12:21 p.m.
Winston-Salem (0-4) at Howard (1-2)
Davidson (1-2) at Jacksonville (1-2)
Dayton (2-1) at Morehead St. (2-2)
Appalachian St. (1-2) at The Citadel (2-1)
Savannah St. (1-2) at Charleston Southern (1-3)
Gardner-Webb (2-1) at VMI (1-2)
Georgia Southern (2-2) at Wofford (1-3)
Tenn.-Martin (2-2) at Jacksonville St. (2-2)
Elon (3-1) at Furman (3-1)
Texas College (0-4) at MVSU (1-2)
W. Carolina (0-4) at Samford (2-2)
LSU (4-0) at Georgia (3-1)
Fla. International (0-3) at Louisiana-Monroe (2-2)
Memphis (1-3) at UCF (2-2)
N.C. State (3-1) at Wake Forest (2-2)

Golf

Turning Stone Resort Championship
PGA Tour
Friday
At Atunoyote Golf Club
Verona, N.Y.
Purse: \$6 million
Yardage: 7,482; Par 72 (36-36)
Completed First Round

	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Tom Pernice, Jr.	37-34	-71	-1		
Bill Lunde	35-36	-71	-1		
Ben Curtis	36-35	-71	-1		
Davis Love III	37-34	-71	-1		
Brandt Snedeker	37-34	-71	-1		
Chris Riley	36-35	-71	-1		
Ted Purdy	33-38	-71	-1		
Brian Vranesh	35-36	-71	-1		
Jarrod Lyle	36-35	-71	-1		
Tim Petrovic	35-31	-66	-6		
Leif Olson	33-33	-66	-6		
Matt Kuchar	33-34	-67	-5		
John Senden	35-32	-67	-5		
Vaughn Taylor	34-33	-67	-5		
Kevin Stadler	33-35	-68	-4		
Ken Duke	34-34	-68	-4		
Adam Scott	33-35	-68	-4		
Jimmy Walker	33-35	-68	-4		
Nicholas Thompson	34-34	-68	-4		
Matt Jones	35-33	-68	-4		
Scott Gutschewski	34-35	-69	-3		
Justin Rose	34-35	-69	-3		
Robert Garrigus	35-34	-69	-3		
Charles Howell III	34-35	-69	-3		
Jonathan Byrd	34-35	-69	-3		
Chris Stroud	35-34	-69	-3		
D.A. Points	33-36	-69	-3		
Fredrik Jacobson	35-35	-70	-2		
Dustin Johnson	35-34	-69	-3		
Rod Pamplung	36-33	-69	-3		
Martin Laird	36-33	-69	-3		
James Nitties	34-36	-70	-2		
K.J. Choi	34-36	-70	-2		
Bo Van Pelt	33-37	-70	-2		
Jeey M. Singh	35-35	-70	-2		
Bob Heintz	33-37	-70	-2		
Matt Weirburg	36-34	-70	-2		
Casey Wittenberg	36-34	-70	-2		
Troy Matteson	34-36	-70	-2		
Kevin Streelman	34-36	-70	-2		
Scott Piercy	34-36	-70	-2		
Aaron Baddeley	34-36	-70	-2		
Peter Lonard	36-34	-70	-2		
Webb Simpson	35-35	-70	-2		
Corey Pavin	36-35	-71	-1		
Arjun Atwal	37-34	-71	-1		
Greg Owen	37-34	-71	-1		
Charlie Wi	36-35	-71	-1		
John Rollins	35-36	-71	-1		
Will MacKenzie	36-35	-71	-1		
Roland Thatcher	37-34	-71	-1		
Jason Bohn	36-35	-71	-1		
Spencer Levin	36-35	-71	-1		
Jason Gore	36-35	-71	-1		
Alex Cejka	34-37	-71	-1		

Morgan St. (2-1) at Bethune-Cookman (0-3)
Wyoming (2-2) at Florida Atlantic (0-3)
N.C. Central (0-4) at N. Carolina A&T (2-2)
Southern U. (3-1) at Jackson St. (0-3)
W. Va. Wesleyan (1-3) at Liberty (2-2)
S. Carolina St. (3-0) at South Carolina (3-1)
SE Missouri (1-3) at Tennessee St. (1-3)
Mississippi (2-1) at Vanderbilt (2-2)
Georgia Tech (3-1) at Mississippi St. (2-2)
Auburn (4-0) at Tennessee (2-2)
Oklahoma (2-1) at Miami (2-1)
Austin Peay (1-3) at Tennessee Tech (1-2)
MIDWEST
Toledo (2-2) at Ball St. (0-4)
Arkansas St. (1-2) at Iowa (4-0)
Michigan (4-0) at Michigan St. (1-3)
Wisconsin (4-0) at Minnesota (3-1)
Northwestern (2-2) at Purdue (1-3)
San Diego (2-1) at Butler (4-0)
Temple (1-2) at E. Michigan (0-3)
Cincinnati (4-0) at Miami (Ohio) (0-4)
Valparaiso (1-2) at Drake (2-1)
Illinois St. (1-3) at N. Dakota St. (1-3)
E. Kentucky (2-1) at E. Illinois (4-0)
Kansas St. (2-2) at Iowa St. (3-1)
Penn St. (3-1) at Illinois (1-2)
W. Michigan (2-2) at N. Illinois (2-2)
Washington (2-2) at Notre Dame (3-1)
Ohio (2-2) at Bowling Green (1-3)
Alabama A&M (3-1) vs. Tuskegee (4-1) at Indianapolis
South Dakota (3-1) at North Dakota (1-2)
Indiana St. (0-5) at N. Iowa (3-1)
Missouri St. (2-2) at Youngstown St. (3-1)
Ohio St. (3-1) at Indiana (3-1)
S. Illinois (2-1) at W. Illinois (1-2)
SOUTHWEST
St. Joseph's, Ind. (1-0) at Sam Houston St. (1-2)
New Mexico (0-4) at Texas Tech (2-2)
Kent St. (2-2) at Baylor (2-1)
Missouri S&T (0-4) at Cent. Arkansas (2-1)
Grambling St. (2-2) vs. Prairie View (1-1) at Dallas
Tulsa (3-1) at Rice (0-4)
Arkansas (1-2) vs. Texas A&M (3-0) at Arlington, Texas
SMU (2-1) at TCU (3-0)
Houston (3-0) at UTEP (1-3)
FAR WEST
Texas St. (2-1) at S. Utah (1-3)
UCLA (3-0) at Stanford (3-1)
Montana St. (2-1) at Weber St. (2-2), 3:35 p.m.
UNLV (2-2) at Nevada (0-3)
Sacramento St. (0-3) at Portland St. (1-3)
E. Washington (3-1) at Idaho St. (0-4)
N. Colorado (1-3) at N. Arizona (1-2)
Oregon St. (2-2) at Arizona St. (2-1)
UC Davis (1-2) at Boise St. (2-1)
Southern Cal (3-1) at California (3-1)
New Mexico St. (2-2) at San Diego St. (1-3)
S. Dakota St. (3-0) at Cal Poly (1-2)
Washington St. (1-3) at Oregon (3-1)
Colorado St. (3-1) at Idaho (3-1)

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Brian Vranesh	35-36	-71	-1		
Jarrod Lyle	36-35	-71	-1		

Navistar Classic
LPGA
Thursday
At Robert Trent Jones Golf Trail
Capitol Hill, The Senator
Prattville, Ala.
Purse: \$1.3 million
Yardage: 6,546; Par 72 (36-36)
First Round
a-denotes amateur
Janice Moodie 30-34—64 -8
a-Alexis Thompson 31-34—65 -7
Michelle Wie 34-32—66 -6
Lorena Ochoa 33-33—66 -6
Karin Ichter 33-33—66 -6

Constellation Energy Championship
Champions Tour
Thursday
At Baltimore Country Club
Timonium, Md.
Purse: \$2.7 million
Yardage: 6,037; Par 70 (35-35)
First Round
Lonnie Nielsen 31-34—65 -5
Jay Haas 32-34—66 -4
Tom Watson 31-35—66 -4
Sandy Lyle 33-34—67 -3

Dunhill Links Championship
Friday
St. Andrews, Scotland
O-Old Course (7,279 yards; par 72)
C-Carnoustie (7,412 yards; par 72)
K-Kingsbarns (7,160 yards; par 72)
Purse: \$5 million
Second Round
Rory McIlroy, N. Ireland 68C-65D—133
Richie Ramsay, Scotland 67C-66D—133
Michael Hoey, N. Ireland 67K-66C—133
Ross McGowan, England 68C-68K—134
Simon Dyson, England 68C-66D—134

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Orlando 0 0 .000 —
Washington 0 0 .000 —
Central Division
Chicago 0 0 .000 —
Cleveland 0 0 .000 —
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NHL PREVIEW: WESTERN CONFERENCE CAPSULES

Teams listed in 2008-09 order of finish ■ By Ira Podell, The Associated Press

Central Division

Detroit Red Wings

Last season: 51-21-10, 112 points. Lost to Pittsburgh 4-3 in Stanley Cup finals.
Coach: Mike Babcock, 5th season 213-77-38; 7th overall, 282-139-71.

Added: D Doug Janik, D Andy Delmore, RW Patrick Eaves, RW Jason Williams, RW Todd Bertuzzi.

Lost: RW Marian Hossa, RW Mikael Samuelsson, RW Aaron Downey, RW Darren McCarty, D Chris Chelios, G Ty Conklin.

Player to watch: Chris Osgood. He is 11 victories from becoming the 10th NHL goalie with 400. Osgood is 84-27-18 in the regular season and 29-12 in the playoffs since coming back to the Red Wings for a second stint before the 2005-06 season.

icing: Nicklas Lidstrom had his run of three straight Norris Trophy victories snapped by Boston's Zdeno Chara, but was a finalist for the 10th time in 11 seasons with six trophies won. Lidstrom, the only European captain of a Stanley Cup champion, was third among NHL defensemen with 59 points — including 16 goals. He needs three points to become the eighth NHL defenseman with 1,000. Lidstrom has had a plus rating in each of his 17 NHL seasons. Last season he was plus-31. Pavel Datsyuk was fourth in scoring with 97 points, matching the career high he set the previous season. He won multiple awards for the second straight year, taking the Lady Byng and Selke. He is the first player to win both in consecutive seasons.

Chicago Blackhawks

Last season: 46-24-12, 104 points. Lost to Detroit 4-1 in conference finals.

Coach: Joel Quenneville, 2nd season, 45-22-11; 13th overall, 483-305-129.

Added: RW Marian Hossa, C Tomas Kopecky, C John Madden.

Lost: RW Martin Havlat, C Samuel Pahlsson, D Matt Walker, G Nikolai Khabibulin.

Player to watch: Hossa. Now on his fourth team in three seasons, Hossa is still looking for his first championship ring. He left the runner-up Penguins last summer to join the Red Wings only to see Pittsburgh knock off him and his Detroit teammates in the finals rematch last season.

icing: The Blackhawks' 46 victories were their most since winning 47 in the 1992-93 season. Young forward Patrick Kane will face enormous pressure as he tries to rebuild his image after an off-season brush with the law. Kane scored 25 goals and finished second on the team in scoring behind Havlat, who left via free agency. Team captain Jonathan Toews was first with 34 goals and led the team in his first year at the helm on a surprising run to the Western Conference finals.

St. Louis Blues

Last season: 41-31-10, 92 points. Lost to Vancouver 4-0 in first round.

Coach: Andy Murray, 4th season, 101-85-32; 10th overall, 316-261-121.

Added: G Ty Conklin, D Brendan Bell, C Derek Armstrong.

Lost: D Jeff Woywitka, D Jay McKee, RW Dan Hinote, LW Steve Regier, G Manny Legace.

Player to watch: T.J. Oshie. The center was second among rookies in scoring from January until the end of the season. He had 12 goals and 23 assists in the final 45 games.

icing: The Blues had the NHL's best record in the second half of the season, going 25-9-7 and moving up from last in the West to the No. 6 seed in the playoffs. St. Louis hadn't reached the playoffs since 2004. Chris Mason starts the season as the No. 1 goalie after winning the job last season. Mason started the Blues' final 33 games and went 24-8-6 with a 2.08 goals-against average and five shutouts down the stretch. He will be helped on defense by the return of Erik Johnson, 21, who missed all of last season due to a freak knee injury during the exhibition season. Johnson topped Blues defensemen and was second among rookies in scoring during the 2007-08 season despite missing 10 games early. He finished with five goals and 28 assists after being the top pick in the 2006 draft.

Columbus Blue Jackets

Last season: 41-31-10, 92 points. Lost to Detroit 4-0 in first round.

Coach: Ken Hitchcock, 4th season, 103-96-27; 14th overall, 511-323-149.

Added: C Samuel Pahlsson, G Mathieu Garon.

Lost: RW Jason Williams, C Manny Malhotra, C Chris Gratton, C Michael Peca, C Jiri Novotny, D Christian Backman, D Ole Kristian Tollefsen.

Player to watch: Steve Mason. The reigning rookie of the year will be counted on to repeat his performance that included an NHL-leading 10 shutouts and a goals-against average of 2.10 that was second to Vezina Trophy winner Tim Thomas of Boston.

icing: Mason had a franchise-record three straight shutouts in late December. His 8-2-4 record late in the season helped the Blue Jackets reach the playoffs for the first time. The stakes will be raised in Columbus, where increased success is expected. C Samuel Pahlsson will help Columbus in the offensive and defensive zones. He has reached the West finals four times and the Stanley Cup finals twice in six seasons. He had seven goals and 11 assists in 65 games last season with Anaheim and Chicago. Rick Nash scored 40 goals and added a career high with 39 assists. He has been the team's top goal-scorer for five straight seasons.

Nashville Predators

Last season: 40-34-8, 88 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Barry Trotz, 11th season, 364-342-114; 11th overall.

Added: C Colin Wilson, RW Ben Guite, LW Peter Olvecky, C Marcel Goc.

Lost: C Radek Bonk, C Vernon Fiddler, D Greg Zanon, D Ville Koistinen, C Scott Nichol, D Greg de Vries.

Player to watch: Steve Sullivan, who returned in January from a nearly two-year absence due to a back injury. He is the third player since World War II, joining Mario Lemieux and Jim Peplinski, to play 150 games with a team, miss at least 600 consecutive days, and then return to that team. Sullivan had 11 goals and 21 assists in 41 games last season and was given the Masterton Trophy which recognizes perseverance, sportsmanship and dedication to hockey.

icing: Pekka Rinne earned victories in his first six decisions to gain the starting job. He then played in 30 of the final 35 games. Overall he went 29-15-4 and tied for the eighth-most victories by a rookie goalie. Predators captain Jason Arnott established a team record by scoring 33 goals, doing it in only 65 games last season. That equaled his career-best goal total set when he was a rookie with Edmonton during the 1993-94 season. Arnott missed 11 games but came back to reach the 20-goal mark for the 10th straight season and 12th time in 15.

Northwest Division

Vancouver Canucks

Last season: 45-27-10, 100 points. Lost to Chicago 4-2 in conference semifinals.

Coach: Alain Vigneault, 4th season, 133-86-27; 8th overall, 242-204-66.

Added: RW Mikael Samuelsson, G Andrew Raycroft, D Christian Ehrhoff, D Brad Lukowich.

Lost: C Mats Sundin, D Mattias Ohlund, LW Taylor Pyatt, D Ossi Vaananen, LW Jason Jaffray, D Rob Davison, C Jason Krog, G Jason LaBarbera, G Curtis Sanford.

Player to watch: Roberto Luongo was forced out of the lineup for eight weeks by a groin injury, but finished with 33 victories and nine shutouts. That kind of stellar play will be necessary for the Canucks, who will be on a long road trip before and after the Olympics come to town.

icing: Luongo, who doubles as Canucks captain, posted a shutout streak of 242 minutes, 36 seconds, from Nov. 2-12 — before his injury — the longest run by an NHL goalie since Phoenix's Brian Boucher set the modern NHL record of 332:01 in the 2003-04 season. The Canucks will not play a home game between Jan. 27 and March 13 — a stretch of 14 consecutive road games that spans the NHL Olympic break. The newly re-signed Sedin twins will get more help up front from Mikael Samuelsson, who left the West champion Detroit Red Wings for the Pacific Northwest.

Calgary Flames

Last season: 46-20-16, 98 points. Lost to Chicago 4-2 in first round.

Coach: Brent Sutter, 1st season; 3rd overall 97-56-11.

Added: D Jay Bouwmeester, RW Brandon Prust, LW Fredrik Sjostrom, RW Brian McGrattan, LW Niklas Dajcman.

Lost: LW Mike Cammalleri, RW Todd Bertuzzi, D Jordan Leopold, D Jim Vandermeer, D Adrian Aucoin, LW Andre Roy.

Player to watch: Bouwmeester. The defenseman moves to the West after six seasons with Florida. He led Panthers defensemen last season with 42 points, including 15 goals. He has played every game in five of his six seasons and owns the NHL's longest current consecutive games streak of 342.

icing: Sutter will feel more at home back in Alberta than he was as coach of the Devils in New Jersey. There is added security and familiarity with brother Darryl as general manager. Brent Sutter was the owner, president, general manager and coach of the Western Hockey League's Red Deer Rebels and went 314-194-68 as coach. Flames D Dion Phaneuf played there under Sutter.

Minnesota Wild

Last season: 40-33-9, 89 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Todd Richards, 1st season; 1st overall.

Added: RW Martin Havlat, C Kyle Brodziak, D Greg Zanon, D Shane Hnidy, G Wade Dubielewicz, RW Petr Sykora.

Lost: RW Marian Gaborik, D Marc-Andre Bergeron, LW Stephane Veilleux, D Martin Skoula, LW Dan Fritsche, LW Peter Olvecky, C Krys Kolanos, D Kurtis Foster.

Player to watch: Havlat, who topped the Chicago Blackhawks with career highs of 48 assists and 77 points and was second with 29 goals. He will need to offset the loss of Gaborik, who left for the New York Rangers after eight seasons and five campaigns of at least 30 goals.

icing: Richards faces the tough task of replacing Jacques Lemaire, the only coach the Wild had since joining the NHL in 2000. Lemaire led the Wild to three playoff appearances and a run to the West finals in 2003. Richards comes over after a stint as an assistant with San Jose, which posted the NHL's best record last season. Richards was in charge of a power-play unit that was third in the league with a scoring rate of 24.2 percent. Mikko Koivu couldn't lure his brother Saku to Minnesota, but he can look to build on what was a stellar season for him.

Edmonton Oilers

Last season: 38-35-9, 85 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Pat Quinn, 1st season; 20th overall, 657-481-180.

Added: G Nikolai Khabibulin, C Mike Comrie.

Lost: RW Ales Kotalik, C Kyle Brodziak, G Dwayne Roloson.

Player to watch: Khabibulin. The goalie hopes to continue success built with the Chicago Blackhawks as he replaces Roloson. Khabibulin, in his fourth season in Chicago after backstopping Tampa Bay to the 2004 Stanley Cup title, was 25-8-7 with a 2.33 goals-against average — fourth best in the NHL.

icing: Quinn brings his vast experience to Edmonton, and will have former New York Rangers coach Tom Renney as his top assistant on the bench. Quinn is fifth in career NHL games coached and victories (657). In this Olympic year, Canadians fondly remember the job he did in leading Canada to its first gold in 50 years — winning the 2002 Salt Lake City Games. Sheldon Souray powers the power play from the blue line. He scored 23 goals last season, three shy of his career best set in the 2006-07 season with Montreal. Comrie, who left Edmonton in 2003 after a bitter dispute with the Oilers, is back in his hometown following several stops elsewhere.

Colorado Avalanche

Last season: 32-45-5, 69 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Joe Sacco, 1st season; 1st overall.

Added: C Matt Duchene, G Craig Anderson, LW David Koci, D Kyle Quincey, D Tom Preissing.

Lost: LW Ryan Smyth, C Tyler Arnason, RW Ian Laperriere, RW Cody McCormick, C Ben Guite, G Andrew Raycroft, D Daniel Tjarnqvist (unrestricted free agent).

Player not to watch: Only one player fits into this category, longtime captain Joe Sakic who announced his retirement. His No. 19 will be raised to the rafters in Denver on opening night.

icing: The Avalanche face a rebuilding process on and off the ice. Without Sakic, the face of the franchise for so many years, Colorado will try to get back to its winning ways. The Avalanche missed the playoffs last season for the first time since 1994 when the team was still the Quebec Nordiques. They won the Stanley Cup the following season, the club's first in Colorado. Duchene, at No. 3 in this year's draft, was the franchise's highest pick since the team relocated. Sacco spent four seasons with the organization as an assistant and head coach of the team's AHL affiliates. He played 13 seasons in the NHL. Wojtek Wolski, Colorado's first-round pick in 2004, went 10 for 12 in shutouts last season.

Pacific Division

San Jose Sharks

Last season: 53-18-11, 117 points. Lost to Anaheim 4-2 in first round.

Coach: Todd McLellan, 2nd season, 53-18-11; 2nd overall.



Added: LW Dany Heatley, C Scott Nichol, C Dwight Helminen, RW Jed Ortmeyer, C Patrick White, D Daniel Rahimi, C Manny Malhotra.

Lost: RW Jonathan Cheechoo, LW Milan Michalek, D Christian Ehrhoff, RW Mike Grier, LW Travis Moen, C Tomas Pihlhal, C Jeremy Roenick, C Marcel Goc, D Alexei Semenov, D Brad Lukowich, LW Lukas Kaspar, RW Tom Cavanagh, RW Claude Lemieux, G Brian Boucher.

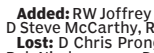
Player to watch: Heatley. He got his wish to be traded by the Ottawa Senators, now he will be expected to change the Sharks' playoff misfortunes. Heatley has topped 40 goals four times in his seven seasons and reached 50 twice. He led Ottawa with 39 goals last season, including 15 on the power play.

icing: Just when it seemed the Sharks might be poised to make their long-expected deep run in the playoffs, they fizzled out again. Not even the club's first Presidents' Trophy mattered. The biggest move in the offseason shakeup came when Cheechoo and Michalek were dealt to Ottawa for Heatley. Joe Thornton played in every game last season and posted a team-high 86 points (25 goals, 61 assists), but he managed only one goal and four assists in the playoff loss to Anaheim.

Anaheim Ducks

Last season: 42-33-7, 91 points. Lost to Detroit 4-3 in conference semifinals.

Coach: Randy Carlyle, 5th season, 180-107-41; 5th overall.



Added: RW Joffrey Lupul, D Luca Sbisa, C Saku Koivu, D Nick Boynton, D Steve McCarthy, RW Evgeny Artyukhin, D Steve Eminger.

Lost: D Chris Pronger, D Francois Beauchemin, LW Drew Miller, LW Rob Niedermayer, D Bret Hedican.

Player to watch: Scott Niedermayer. The defenseman is getting set for his 19th NHL season, but will have to do it without his brother Rob — a center who signed with New Jersey. Ironically, Scott Niedermayer left the Devils in 2005 to come to Anaheim to play with Rob. They teamed up to win the Stanley Cup in 2007.

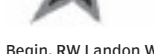
icing: Scott Niedermayer, 36, who flirted with retirement in recent years, seems as strong as ever. He played in all 82 games last season and was third among NHL defensemen with 45 assists and 59 points. The four-time Stanley Cup champion is the only player to win the Stanley Cup, an Olympic gold medal, world championship, World Cup, Memorial Cup and world junior title. Koivu will wear a different NHL uniform for the first time after 13 seasons with the Montreal Canadiens.

Dallas Stars

Last season: 36-35-11, 83 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Marc Crawford, 1st season; 14th overall, 470-361-156.

Added: D Karlis Skarstins, D Jeff Woywitka, G Alex Auld.



Lost: C Brendan Morrison, D Darryl Sydor, RW Mark Parrish, RW Chris Conner, LW Steve Begin, RW Landon Wilson, C Joel Lundqvist, D Sergei Zubov, G Tobias Stephan.

Player to watch: Team captain Morrow, who sustained a season-ending knee injury on Nov. 20 after posting five goals and 10 assists in 18 games. His absence led to the Stars missing the playoffs for the first time in six seasons, one year after they reached the Western Conference finals.

icing: Mike Modano is starting his 20th season with the Stars, the only NHL team with which he has played. He is also expected to be on the U.S. Olympic team, which would be his fourth appearance. Modano is the franchise leader with 543 goals, 786 assists, 1,329 points, and 1,400 games played. There have been only nine NHL players with more points for one team. Dave Tippett lost his job after the last season, giving way to Crawford, who is 15th in career NHL games coached (987) and 16th with 470 victories. Mike Ribeiro had 22 goals and 56 assists last season.

Phoenix Coyotes

Last season: 36-39-7, 79 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Dave Tippett, 1st season; 7th season overall, 271-162-59.



Added: LW Stefan Meyer, D Jim Vandermeer, D Sami Lepisto, C Vernon Fiddler, G Jason LaBarbera, D Adrian Aucoin, LW Lauri Kopiposki, RW Radim Vrbata, LW Taylor Pyatt.

Lost: C Steve Reinprecht, RW Enver Lisin, LW Nigel Dawes, LW Joakim Lindstrom, D Dmitri Kalinin, LW Todd Fedoruk, D David Hale, D Ken Klee, RW Steve Goertzen, RW Brandon Prust, RW Brian McGrattan, C Garth Murray.

Player to watch: Jim Balsillie and his court fight with the NHL over who should own the Coyotes. The team will stay in Arizona for at least one more season. The future after that is unknown.

icing: The Coyotes learned last week that coach Wayne Gretzky won't return. He had been away from training and exhibition games as the court battle over the team played out. RW Shane Doan has the unenviable task of trying to keep the team together on the ice. He is beginning his 14th NHL season and sixth as Coyotes captain. He scored 20 goals for the ninth straight season with a career high of 31.

Los Angeles Kings

Last season: 34-37-11, 79 points. Out of playoffs.

Coach: Terry Murray, 2nd season, 34-37-11; 13th overall 394-314-111.

Added: C Brayden Schenn, D Rob Scuderi, LW Ryan Smyth.



Lost: D Kyle Quincey, D Tom Preissing, LW Kyle Calder, C Derek Armstrong, C Brian Boyle, D Denis Gauthier, LW Matt Moulson.

Player to watch: Jonathan Quick started 22 of the Kings' last 27 games in his rookie season and 41 of the final 52 after being called up from the AHL. Quick was third among rookies with 21 victories (21-18-2), a 2.48 goals-against average, and four shutouts.

icing: The Kings made pair of big moves with the addition of defenseman Scuderi from the champion Pittsburgh Penguins and gritty forward Smyth from Colorado. Scuderi was first on the Penguins with a plus-23 and 164 blocked shots. Smyth scored 40 goals in two seasons with the Avalanche, including 26 last season. He also had 56 assists, but was minus-4 and minus-15 the past two years for the Avalanche. C Anze Kopitar scored 27 goals last season, his third straight season of at least 20. Luc Robitaille was the previous Kings player to do it. Kopitar led the club with 66 points and played in all 82 games the last two seasons.

NHL scoreboard

Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
New Jersey	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Islanders	0	0	0	0	0	0
N.Y. Rangers	0	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northeast Division						
Montreal	1	0	0	0	2	4
Toronto	1	0	0	1	1	3
Buffalo	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ottawa	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boston	1	0	1	0	0	1
Southeast Division						
Washington	1	1	0	0	2	4
Atlanta	0	0	0	0	0	0
Carolina	0	0	0	0	0	0
Florida	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	0	0	0

Western Conference

Central Division						
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF
Chicago	0	0	0	0	0	0
Columbus	0	0	0	0	0	0
Detroit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nashville	0	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Northwest Division						
Calgary	1	1	0	0	2	5
Colorado	1	1	0	0	2	5
Edmonton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	0	0	0
Vancouver	1	0	1	0	0	3
Pacific Division						
Anaheim	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dallas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Los Angeles	0	0	0	0	0	0
Phoenix	0	0	0	0	0	0
San Jose	1	0	1	0	0	2

Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Thursday's games

Washington 4, Boston 1
Montreal 4, Toronto 3, OT
Colorado 5, San Jose 2
Calgary 5, Vancouver 3

Friday's games

Florida vs. Chicago at Hershey
Detroit vs. St. Louis at Stockholm
Philadelphia at Carolina
N.Y. Rangers at Pittsburgh

Saturday's games

Chicago vs. Florida at Hershey
St. Louis vs. Detroit at Stockholm
Vancouver at Colorado
Carolina at Boston
Montreal at Buffalo
Philadelphia at New Jersey
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Islanders
Ottawa at N.Y. Rangers
Toronto at Washington
Tampa Bay at Atlanta
Minnesota at Columbus
Nashville at Dallas
Calgary at Edmonton
San Jose at Anaheim
Phoenix at Los Angeles

Sunday's games

No games scheduled

Monday's games

N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey
Columbus at Vancouver

Tuesday's games

Ottawa at Toronto
Tampa Bay at Carolina
Washington at Philadelphia
Montreal at Calgary
Anaheim at Minnesota
Dallas at Edmonton
San Jose at Los Angeles

Thursday

Capitals 4, Bruins 1

Washington	1	1	2-4
Boston	0	0	1-1

First Period—1, Washington, Laich 1 (Backstrom, Ovechkin), 17:15 (pp).

Second Period—2, Washington, Ovechkin 1 (Semin, Backstrom), 9:31.

Third Period—3, Washington, Laich 2 (Backstrom, Semin), 16 (pp), 4, Washington, Ovechkin 2 (Poti, Laich), 1:57, 5, Boston, Bergeron 1 (Begin, Stuart), 7:56.

Shots on Goal—Washington 10-12-12—34, Boston 10-7-3—20.

Power-play opportunities—Washington 2 of 4; Boston 0 of 5.

Goalies—Washington, Theodore 1-0-0 (20 shots-19 saves). Boston, Thomas 0-1-0 (34-30).

A—17,565 (17,565). T—2:14.



WINSLOW TOWNSON/AP

Alex Ovechkin, top, and Brooks Laich, bottom, each scored twice in the Washington Capitals' victory over the Boston Bruins.

Canadiens 4, Leafs 3 (OT)

Montreal	1	1	1-4
Toronto	1	1	0-3

First Period—1, Montreal, Gionta 1 (Cammalleri, Plekanec), 11:05 (pp), 2, Toronto, Ponikarovsky 1 (Grabovski, Hagman), 14:27.

Second Period—3, Montreal, Moen 1 (Metropolit, Larue), 6:38, 4, Toronto, Stajan 1 (Kaberle, Beauchemin), 10:29 (pp).

Third Period—5, Toronto, Stajan 2 (Blake, Stalberg), 9:09 (pp), 6, Montreal, Metropolit 1 (Gorges, Mara), 15:50 (pp).

Overtime—7, Montreal, Gorges 1 (Cammalleri, Plekanec), 4:47.

Shots on Goal—Montreal 7-6-10-4—27, Toronto 14-16-12-4—46.

Power-play opportunities—Montreal 2 of 4; Toronto 2 of 3.

Goalies—Montreal, Price 1-0-0 (46 shots-43 saves). Toronto, Toskala 0-0-1 (27-23).

A—19,617 (18,819). T—2:36.

Avalanche 5, Sharks 2

San Jose	1	1	0-2
Colorado	2	3	0-5

First Period—1, Colorado, Tucker 1 (Liles, Gallardi), 2:03, 2, San Jose, Marleau 1 (Pavelski), 5:47, 3, Colorado, Wolski 1 (Hejduk, Stastny), 9:05.

Second Period—4, Colorado, McLeod 1 (Stewart, O'Reilly), 5:12, 5, San Jose, Marleau 2 (Pavelski, Boyle), 8:26 (pp), 6, Colorado, Wolski 2 (Stastny, Quincey), 9:48, 7, Colorado, Liles 1 (Clark, Duchene), 12:17 (pp).

Shots on Goal—San Jose 12-9-19—40, Colorado 7-12-1—20.

Power-play opportunities—San Jose 1 of 6; Colorado 1 of 4.

Goalies—San Jose, Nabokov 0-1-0 (20 shots-15 saves). Colorado, Anderson 1-0-0 (40-38).

A—18,007 (18,007). T—2:13.

Flames 5, Canucks 3

Vancouver	0	2	1-3
Calgary	3	1	1-5

First Period—1, Calgary, Giordano 1 (Bourque, Regehr), 5:50 (pp), 2, Calgary, Bourque 1 (Davies, Giordano), 7:56 (pp), 3, Calgary, Pardy 1 (Conroy), 11:52.

Second Period—4, Vancouver, Bieksa 1 (D.Sedin, H.Sedin), 4:02 (pp), 5, Calgary, Prust 1 (Sjostrom, Nystrom), 9:34, 6, Vancouver, Samuelsson 1 (Edler, Ehrhoff), 18:10 (pp).

Third Period—7, Vancouver, Burrows 1 (Mitchell), 4:1, 8, Calgary, Phaneuf 1 (Igila), 18:57 (en).

Shots on Goal—Vancouver 7-14-21—42, Calgary 7-9-7—23.

Power-play opportunities—Vancouver 2 of 4; Calgary 2 of 3.

Goalies—Vancouver, Luongo 0-1-0 (22 shots-18 saves). Calgary, Kiprusoff 1-0-0 (42-39).

A—19,289 (19,289). T—2:27.

NHL roundup

Caps top Bruins in opener

The Associated Press

BOSTON — Jose Theodore still remembers his awful start to last season, when he was yanked after giving up four goals in less than 30 minutes.

So when the Washington Capitals goaltender lost his stick just a minute into this year's opener — and was still empty-handed more than a minute later, his mind raced.

"It's not a good feeling, that's for sure," Theodore said. "I was anxious to get a whistle, get any kind of stick."

Theodore stopped 19 shots and took a shutout well into the third period on Thursday night, getting plenty of offense from Alex Ovechkin to beat the Boston Bruins 4-1. Ovechkin, the two-time defending NHL MVP, had two goals and an assist as he begins his quest to match Bobby Orr and Wayne Gretzky as the only players to win three Hart Trophies in a row.

"If you give him too much time to shoot, he will make you look bad," Bruins defenseman Dennis Wideman said. "He is the hardest-working and hardest-hitting superstar in the league. He is the Rafael Nadal of hockey, and (Sidney) Crosby is (Roger) Federer."

Brooks Laich also had two goals and an assist, Nicklas Backstrom added three assists, and Alexander Semin had two for Washington, which had not won in Boston in regulation in 14 tries since 2000.

"If you could bottle that game up, we'd take it," Capitals coach Bruce Boudreau said. "Every night."

The Capitals led 2-0 after Ovechkin's goal in the second, when he took a drop pass from Semin and wristed it past Tim Thomas.

"They pushed on us hard," Ovechkin said. "We played great defensively in the second period and we made that push and bounced back. That second goal was big."



DAVID ZALUBOWSKI/AP

Former captain Joe Sakic was honored by the Colorado Avalanche, who retired his No. 19 sweater Thursday night in Denver.

Washington put the game away with a pair of goals in the first 1:57 of the third period, when Laich scored on a power play before Ovechkin shrugged off Milan Lucic and beat Thomas again to make it 4-0.

"We had too many good players probably at their worst," Bruins coach Claude Julien said. "You don't want to take credit away from him, but you also want to expect more of your players, especially when he's on the ice."

Thomas, the defending Vezina Trophy winner as the league's top goalie, made 30 saves.

Avalanche 5, Sharks 2: At Denver, Wojtek Wolski scored two goals and Craig Anderson stopped 38 shots, lifting Colorado to a season-opening victory over San Jose after the Avalanche retired Joe Sakic's No. 19.

Darcy Tucker, Cody McLeod and John-Michael Liles also scored, making a winner out of new Avalanche coach Joe Sacco.

Patrick Marleau had two goals for San Jose, which dropped to

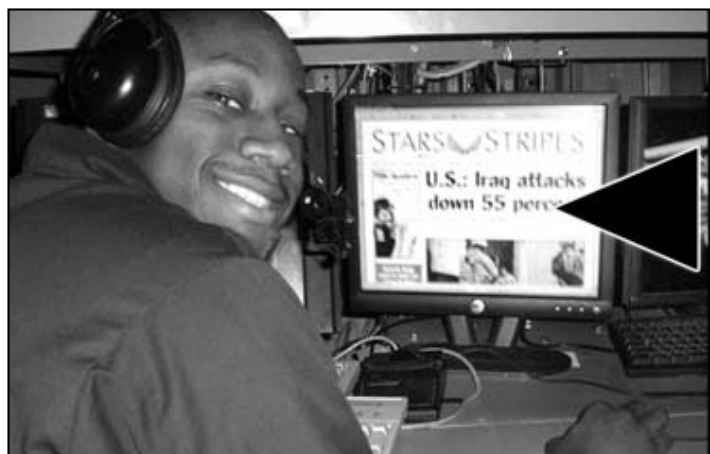
0-5-2 in season openers on the road.

Evgeni Nabokov allowed all five goals on 20 shots. He remains one victory shy of becoming the 38th goalie in NHL history to win 250 games.

The Avalanche are starting their 14th season in Denver, and first without their longtime captain Sakic. His sweater was raised to the Pepsi Center rafters in a ceremony before the game. Sakic's number is the third retired since the Avalanche relocated from Quebec in 1995, joining Patrick Roy (33) and Ray Bourque (77).

Canadiens 4, Maple Leafs 3 (OT): Montreal defenseman Josh Gorges scored with only 12.8 seconds left on the overtime clock, and Carey Price made 43 saves in the Canadiens' season-opening victory over host Toronto.

Flames 5, Canucks 3: Miikka Kiprusoff made 39 saves, and host Calgary opened its regular season by beating Vancouver.



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AL roundup

Do-or-die weekend for Tigers, Twins

The Associated Press

DETROIT — The AL Central showdown in Motown concluded one thing: Detroit's got work to do. The Tigers had a chance to clinch their first division title since 1987 on Thursday, but the Minnesota Twins had other plans.

Scott Baker didn't give up an earned run and got more than enough run support in Minnesota's 8-3 victory, giving baseball a race to watch on the final weekend of the season. "It would have been nice if we could've done it," Tigers manager Jim Leyland said Thursday. "We didn't do what we wanted to, but you keep playing, and [Friday] is the most important game of the season."

Detroit was to start 13-game winner Edwin Jackson on Friday night at home against the Chicago White Sox and 2007 NL Cy Young winner Jake Peavy, who pitched seven scoreless innings last week in a victory over the Tigers after three months on the disabled list because of an ankle injury.

"Is he all the way back? I can't answer that, but he was awfully good against us in Chicago," Leyland said. "Out of respect for the game, I know Ozzie [Guillen] and his guys are going to come here and try to kick our fannies. Certainly, Kansas City is going to Minnesota and try to do the same thing."

"It's the responsibility of the Twins and the Tigers to take care of their own business."

Minnesota was to start Jeff Manship (0-1) on Friday night against Lenny DiNardo (0-2) and the Royals, who will send ace Zack Greinke to the mound Saturday afternoon.

"We're going to the Dome for the last weekend, and we've still got a shot," Twins manager Ron Gardenhire said.

If Detroit beats the Chicago White Sox twice in a three-game series at home, it would win the division. If the Tigers can't do that, they'll need help from the last-place Royals as Minnesota cele-

brates its final scheduled baseball series at the Metrodome.

"This weekend was already going to be crazy with closing the Dome and all the former players coming back, but now it is going to be even better," Twins outfielder Denard Span said. "We can sweep the Royals and see what happens."

History will be made if Minnesota beats the Royals three times and the Tigers lose two or more against the White Sox. No major league team has remained in first place from May 10 — or sooner — until losing the division title in the last week of a season.

Tempers flared in the eighth Thursday when Leyland was ejected during a face-to-face argument with umpire Angel Hernandez in the top of the inning — following an inside pitch — and then Tigers pitcher Jeremy Bond-erman and catcher Gerald Laird were tossed in the home half.

Both benches and bullpens emptied after Twins outfielder

Delmon Young was hit by Bond-erman, but the players contained their emotions enough to avoid pushing or punching.

Minnesota had much more punch at the plate in a game it needed to win to keep hopes alive for rallying in the AL Central. The Twins went ahead 3-1 in the third on Joe Mauer's RBI single, Michael Cuddyer's RBI single and Jason Kubel's sacrifice fly. They broke it open in the eighth when Orlando Cabrera hit a three-run double and Mauer followed with an RBI single.

Rangers 11, Angels 3: At Anaheim, Chris Davis homered and drove in three runs, Julio Borbon triggered a six-run sixth inning with a go-ahead RBI single and Texas beat the playoff-bound Los Angeles Angels. Kevin Millwood (13-10) recorded his 20th career complete game and third this season. He gave up two earned runs and seven hits in his season finale, tying a season high with 10 strikeouts. He also threw

a season-high 122 pitches.

The Angels, who played their home finale, open the division series in Anaheim next week against Boston, which beat them in the first round each of the previous two years.

John Lackey, expected to start the playoff opener, threw 40 pitches over two innings and allowed two runs on four hits in his final tuneup. The right-hander finished the regular season 11-8 with a 3.83 in 27 starts.

Red Sox 3, Indians 0: At Boston, Jon Lester showed no ill effects from his injury last week and was splendid in a final tune-up for the playoffs, pitching into the seventh inning as the Red Sox handed the Indians their club record-tying 12th loss in a row.

Boston snapped its season-long six-game skid.

Lester (15-8) gave up just two hits, walked one and struck out seven in 6 1/3 innings. He left after walking Jhonny Peralta with one out in the seventh.

Major League Baseball statistics

Through Oct. 1

American League

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg
Los Angeles	5514	869	1571	171	.285
New York	5554	898	1577	241	.284
Minnesota	5465	783	1496	162	.274
Boston	5444	843	1465	203	.269
Baltimore	5508	717	1475	156	.268
Toronto	5587	784	1490	203	.267
Cleveland	5462	758	1442	159	.264
Tampa Bay	5365	783	1403	196	.264
Oakland	5487	752	1439	136	.262
Detroit	5398	723	1409	178	.261
Texas	5423	773	1409	224	.260
Chicago	5365	708	1385	181	.258
Seattle	5444	630	1403	159	.258
Kansas City	5420	671	1399	141	.258

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg
Mauer Min	509	96	187	28	.367
Isuzuki Sea	628	87	221	11	.352
Jeter NY	627	107	210	18	.335
McBryer Det	595	95	196	33	.329
MyYoung Tex	533	76	172	22	.323
Cano NY	628	103	202	25	.322
Bartlett TB	567	87	157	14	.311
Span Min	562	93	177	28	.311
Crawford TB	598	95	183	15	.306
Butler KC	595	78	182	21	.306
ACabrera Cle	519	79	159	6	.306
Lind Tor	587	93	179	35	.306
Yokuilis Bos	482	98	147	27	.305
KMorales LAA	559	85	170	34	.304
Eaybar LAA	497	67	151	5	.304
Podsdnick CWS	525	74	159	6	.303
VMartinez Bos	580	85	175	22	.303
Przmyski CWS	496	56	150	13	.302
Ellsbury Bos	618	91	186	8	.301
Choo Cle	575	86	173	19	.301
Ordonez Det	449	51	125	7	.297
Figgins LAA	604	114	181	5	.300
Callaspo KC	564	76	168	11	.298
TorHunter LAA	446	73	133	22	.298
BAbroia LAA	553	95	164	15	.297
Pedroia Bos	618	111	183	13	.296
Kubel Min	497	67	147	24	.296
Teixeira NY	603	102	177	34	.294
RSweeney Oak	484	68	142	6	.293
Zobrist TB	490	90	143	27	.292
Mackakis Bal	630	90	182	17	.289
Arkenia Oak	523	64	151	11	.289
AHill Tor	670	102	193	36	.288
Polanco Det	592	82	172	10	.287
JRivers LAA	520	70	148	24	.285
ARodrigz NY	467	66	124	28	.284
BRoberts Bal	622	107	176	16	.283
Scutaro Tor	574	100	162	12	.282
FGutierrez Sea	553	83	156	18	.282

DeJesus KC	558	74	157	13	.281
Damon NY	542	106	152	24	.280
Konerko CWS	540	73	151	28	.280
MBryer Det	539	66	151	20	.280
OCabrera Min	636	78	177	8	.278
Longoria TB	575	97	160	32	.278
Cuddyer Min	574	87	159	30	.277
Adames Bal	473	83	131	19	.277
AL Ramirez CWS	533	60	147	15	.276
H Matsui NY	540	62	124	28	.276
J Drew Bos	449	82	124	22	.276
Morneau Min	508	85	139	30	.274
McBryer NY	479	65	131	13	.273
KSuzuki Oak	562	73	153	15	.272
JoLopez Sea	601	68	163	25	.271
Teahen KC	512	68	139	12	.271
Andrus Tex	471	72	126	6	.268
Bay Bos	522	102	139	36	.266
Wells Tor	616	84	163	15	.265
Scott Bal	444	61	116	25	.261
NCruz Tex	462	75	120	33	.260
J Peralta Cle	571	56	147	11	.257
Kinsler Tex	555	99	141	31	.256
Dye CWS	497	77	125	27	.251
Swisher NY	491	82	123	29	.251
Brannan Sea	431	64	108	31	.251
Grandson Det	615	90	154	30	.250
Sizezmore Cle	436	73	108	18	.248
DeRosa KC	468	40	114	6	.244
Rios CWS	573	62	139	17	.243
A Huff Det	530	59	128	15	.242
Cust Oak	505	87	122	25	.242
D Ortiz Bos	533	76	127	28	.238
BUpton TB	551	74	130	10	.236
Inge Det	546	71	127	27	.233
CPena TB	471	91	107	39	.227

TEAM PITCHING

	ERA	H	R	BB	SO	Sh	SV	L	ERA
Seattle	3.88	1332	615	526	1026	10	47		
Chicago	4.18	1416	657	499	1103	10	36		
Oakland	4.25	1453	671	519	1099	10	38		
New York	4.26	1355	674	563	1239	8	41		
Detroit	4.27	1412	669	574	1073	9	41		
Boston	4.34	1468	680	520	1202	11	40		
Tampa Bay	4.34	1394	676	507	1102	5	41		
Texas	4.39	1405	688	527	992	11	44		
Toronto	4.40	1476	697	539	1159	10	25		
Los Angeles	4.50	1488	709	517	1037	13	48		
Minnesota	4.50	1497	707	456	1017	7	46		
Kansas City	4.73	1455	737	586	1139	9	34		
Cleveland	4.97	1540	779	582	969	6	30		
Baltimore	5.16	1607	803	535	915	3	35		
Greinke KC	2.23	189	49	237	16	8	2.06		
F Hernandez Sea	2.32	197	70	211	18	5	2.48		
Halladay Tor	2.39	234	35	208	17	0	2.79		
Sabatina NY	2.27	189	62	194	19	7	3.21		
E Jackson Det	2.09	193	67	156	13	8	3.36		
Lester Bos	2.03	186	64	225	15	8	3.41		
Verlander Det	2.32	213	61	264	18	9	3.45		

INDIVIDUAL PITCHING

	IP	H	BB	SO	W	L	ERA
Greinke KC	223	189	49	237	16	8	2.06
F Hernandez Sea	232	197	70	211	18	5	2.48
Halladay Tor	239	234	35	208	17	0	2.79
Sabatina NY	227	189	62	194	19	7	3.21
E Jackson Det	209	193	67	156	13	8	3.36
Lester Bos	203	186	64	225	15	8	3.41
Verlander Det	232	213	61	264	18	9	3.45

Millwood Tex	199	195	71	123	1310	3.67
Danks CWS	195	177	69	148	1310	3.69
Beckett Bos	207	191	52	194	16	6.378
Washburn Det	176	160	49	100	9	9.378
Lackey LAA	176	177	47	139	11	8.383
J Weaver LAA	216	192	66	169	15	8.384
Buehrle CWS	213	223	45	105	1310	8.384
Niemann TB	176	179	58	120	12	6.394
Garza TB	203	177	78	189	812	9.385
Feldman Tex	184	172	64	109	17	7.402
Porcello Det	165	172	50	81	14	9.404
GFloyd CWS	193	178	59	163	111	4.06
BreAnderson Oak	175	180	45	150	111	4.06
Blackburn Min	199	236	41	93	111	4.08
Aburnett NY	202	186	96	102	17	5.10
Pettitte NY	190	187	72	147	14	7.411
J Shields TB	220	239	52	167	112	4.14
RRomero Tor	171	187	76	133	13	9.426
SBaker Min	194	184	66	160	15	9.436
JSaunders LAA	181	195	62	98	15	7.462
Canham Det	179	186	72	100	1013	6.42
Guthrie Bal	192	215	58	105	1017	5.05
Pavano Min	194	227	38	140	1312	5.07
Tallet Tor	161	169	72	120	7	9.532

National League

TEAM BATTING

	AB	R	H	RBI	Avg
Los Angeles	5497	767	1484	144	.277
New York	5354	655	1439	93	.267
Florida	5465	755	1462	159	.270
Atlanta	5411	727	1427	148	.268
St. Louis	5354	713	1407	160	.267
Colorado	5301	797	1389	188	.263
Braves Atl	5342	641	1398	105	.262
Millwaukee	5389	759	1409	179	.261
Philadelphia	5473	808	1414	220	.277
Washington	5364	696	1384	153	.272
San Francisco	5389	646	1390	119	.268
Chicago	5392	697	1377	160	.268
Arizona	5461	703	1382	169	.265
Pittsburgh	5323	629	1343	123	.265
Cincinnati	5367	658	1322	155	.263
San Diego	5331	631	1299	139	.264

INDIVIDUAL BATTING

	AB	R	H	R	H	RBI	Avg
HaRamirez Fla	574	100	196	24	105	.341	
PSandoval SF	561	77	185	23	88	.330	
Pujols STL	555	122	182	47	134	.328	
Heltor Col	536	78	173	15	86	.323	
Braun Mil	620	110	197	31	108	.318	
Coghlan Fla	491	79	156	9	44	.318	
Votto Cin	458	80	145	24	81	.317	
Tejada Hou	624	83	196	14	85	.314	
Chase CHC	562	91	162	35	114	.313	
LCastillo NYM	475	76	147	1	39	.309	
Morgan Was	469	74	144	3	39	.307	
FLopez Mil	594	85	182	3	55	.306	
DWright NYM	527	87	161	10	70	.304	
JJOniz Ari	519	83	157	26	86	.304	

MLB scoreboard

American League					
East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
y-New York	102	57	.642	—	
z-Boston	92	67	.579	10	
Tampa Bay	82	77	.516	20	
Toronto	75	84	.472	27	
Baltimore	61	98	.384	41	
Central Division					
Detroit	85	74	.535	—	
Minnesota	83	76	.522	2	
Chicago	77	82	.484	8	
Cleveland	65	94	.409	20	
Kansas City	65	94	.409	20	
West Division					
y-Los Angeles	94	65	.591	—	
Texas	86	73	.541	8	
Seattle	83	76	.522	11	
Oakland	75	84	.472	19	

y-clinched division
z-clinched wild card

Wednesday's games
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 1, 1st game
Kansas City 4, N.Y. Yankees 3
Detroit 7, Minnesota 2
Tampa Bay 5, Baltimore 3
Toronto 12, Boston 1
Chicago White Sox 1, Cleveland 0, 2nd game
L.A. Angels 5, Texas 0
Seattle 7, Oakland 0

Thursday's games
Minnesota 8, Detroit 3
Texas 11, L.A. Angels 3
Baltimore 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 3, Cleveland 0
Seattle 4, Oakland 2

Friday's games
Chicago White Sox at Detroit
Toronto at Baltimore
Cleveland at Boston
N.Y. Yankees at Tampa Bay
Kansas City at Minnesota
L.A. Angels at Oakland
Texas at Seattle

Saturday's games
L.A. Angels (Kazmir 9-9) at Oakland (Eveland 2-3)
Kansas City (Greinke 16-8) at Minnesota (Blackburn 11-11)
Chicago White Sox (Garcia 2-4) at Detroit (Figaro 2-1)
Toronto (Richmond 8-10) at Baltimore (Hendrickson 5-5)
N.Y. Yankees (Petititte 14-7) at Tampa Bay (Niemann 12-6)
Cleveland (Laffey 7-8) at Boston (Beckett 16-6)
Texas (Tom.Hunter 9-5) at Seattle (Rowland-Smith 4-4)

Sunday's games
Chicago White Sox (Danks 13-10) at Detroit (Verlander 18-9)
Cleveland (Ohka 1-4) at Boston (Buchholz 7-4)
Toronto (R.Romero 13-9) at Baltimore (Guthrie 10-17)
N.Y. Yankees (A.Burnett 12-9) at Tampa Bay (W.Davis 2-1)
Kansas City (Hogchaver 7-12) at Minnesota (Duensing 5-2)
L.A. Angels (J.Sanders 15-7) at Oakland (Ed.Gonzalez 0-4)
Texas (Feldman 17-7) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 18-5)

Thursday
Twins 8, Tigers 3

Minnesota					Detroit				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
Span cf-rr	3	2	1		Grndrs cf	4	0	1	
OCacer ss	5	1	2	3	Santiago 2b	5	0	0	
Mauer dh	4	1	2	2	Ordonz rf	4	0	2	
Cuddy lf	0	0	2	1	McCarb 1b	4	0	1	
Kubel rf	3	0	0	1	CGuill lf	3	1	0	
Gomez cf	1	0	0	0	Thams dh	3	1	1	
DimYn lf	4	1	3	0	A.Huff ph	1	0	0	
BHarris 3b	4	1	0	0	Inge 3b	4	0	0	
Tolbert 3b	1	0	0	0	Laird c	4	1	2	
Rind c	3	0	0	0	Avila c	0	0	0	
Punto 2b	3	2	2	0	Evertett ss	3	0	0	
Totals	38	8	13	8	Totals	35	3	7	
Minnesota					003	100	040-8		
Detroit					010	000	020-3		
E-B-Harris 2 (12), Delm.Young (5),									
Tolbert (4), Inge (20), DP-McCarr (5),									
LB-McCarr (10), S-Punto 12. 2B-Span									
(15), O.Cabrera (34), S-Punto-SF									
Kubel.									
Minnesota					Detroit				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
N.Robertson L,15-9	5	5	1	0	3	3	0		
Baker H,4	2½	1	0	0	0	0	0		
Mahey H,6	½	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Gumher H,32	1½	0	0	0	1	0	0		
Mijares	½	1	1	0	0	1	0		
Nathan	1	0	0	0	1	0	0		

N.Robertson pitched to 2 batters in the 7th. Seay pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. Bonderman pitched to 1 batter in the 9th. HBP—by S.Baker (Thames), by N.Robertson (Span), by Bonderman (Delm.Young). T—3:33. A—40,533 (41,255).

Calendar

Oct. 7 — Playoffs begin.
Oct. 28 — World Series begins, city of American League champion.
November — Free agent filing period, first 15 days after World Series ends.
Nov. 9-11 — General managers meetings, Chicago.
Nov. 30-Dec. 4 — Major League Baseball Players Association executive board meeting, Scottsdale, Ariz.
Dec. 1 — Last day for teams to offer salary arbitration to their former players who became free agents.
Dec. 7 — Last day for free agents offered salary arbitration to accept the offers.
Dec. 7-10 — Winter meetings, Indianapolis.

Mariners 4, Athletics 2

Oakland					Seattle				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
AKndy 3b	3	0	1		ISuzuki rf	4	0	2	0
RDavis cf	4	0	1		FGtrrz cf	3	1	1	0
KSuzuk c	4	1	1	0	JoLopz 1b	4	1	1	0
Cust dh	4	2	1	0	MSwmy dh	4	0	1	0
DBartn 1b	4	0	1	0	Beltre 3b	4	1	2	2
M.Ellis 2b	4	0	0	0	Hall lf	3	0	0	0
EPtrsn lf	4	0	1	0	MSndrs lf	0	0	0	0
T.Buck rf	3	0	0	0	Tuassp 2b	3	0	0	0
Pnngnt ss	3	0	0	0	Moore c	3	1	1	0
					JoWilson ss	3	0	0	
Totals	33	2	7	2	Totals	31	4	8	4
Oakland					000	100	01	4	8
Seattle					000	030	00	0	0
E—A.Kennedy (20), DP—Oakland 1, Seattle 1, LOB—Oakland 5, Seattle 4, 2B—D.Barton (12), F.Gutierrez (22), 3B—K.Suzuki (1), HR—Cust (25), Beltre (8), SB—Moore (1).									
Oakland					Seattle				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
Bre.Anderson L,11-11	5	8	4	1	5				
Ziegler	1	0	0	0	2				
Breslow	1	0	0	0	0				
Wuertz	1	0	0	0	0				
Totals	8	8	4	1	7				
Fister W,3-4	7	5	1	1	4				
M.Lowe H,26	1	1	0	0	1				
Aardsma S,37-41	1	1	1	1	0				
PB—Moore, T—2:20. A—16,607.									

Rangers 11, Angels 3

Texas				Los Angeles					
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Borbon lf	5	2	2	2	Mltzurs ss	1	0	1	0
Andrus ss	5	2	2	1	Qunlan pr-3b	2	1	0	0
DvMrp rf	5	1	1	1	Willits cf	2	0	1	0
Anjونس 1b	4	0	0	1	KMorls 1b	2	1	1	2
Kinsler 2b	5	2	2	1	BoWlsn 1b	2	0	0	0
C.Davis dh	3	1	3	3	Guerr dh	2	0	1	0
Vizquel 3b	5	0	2	1	Napoli ph-dh	2	0	0	0
Tegrdn c	5	2	2	0	JRiver lf	2	0	0	0
Gentry cf	4	2	1	0	Pettit rf	2	0	0	0
					B.Wood 3b-ss	4	0	1	0
					JMaths c	2	0	0	0
					Budde c	2	0	0	0
					FSndvl 2b	3	1	1	0
					TEVans rf-R	3	1	0	0
Totals	43	11	15	10	Totals	31	3	7	2
Texas					020	016	002	—11	
Los Angeles					003	000	000	—3	
E—Teagarden (6), Quinlan (1), B.Wood (2), DP—Texas 2, LOB—Texas 11, Los Angeles 4, 2B—Borbon (4), Andrus (15), Kinsler (31), Vizquel (7), Teagarden (12), F.Sandoval (1), HR—C.Davis (21), K.Morales (34), SB—Andrus (33), Kinsler (31), S—M.Izturis, Willits, SF—Ar.Jones.									
Texas				IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Millwood W,13-10				9	7	3	2	1	10
Los Angeles				2	4	2	2	0	2
Lackey				2½	4	1	1	0	3
R.Thompson				2½	6	6	3	1	2
T.Bell L,1-2				1	0	0	0	0	0
Bulger				1	0	0	0	0	0
Arredondo				1	1	2	2	3	1
HBP—by R.Thompson (Ar.Jones), WP—Millwood, R.Thompson. T—2:57. A—38,552 (45,257).									

Red Sox 3, Indians 0

Cleveland				Boston					
ab	r	h	bi	ab	r	h	bi		
Brantly cf	4	0	1	0	Ellsury cf	5	1	3	0
JCarroll 2b	4	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	3	0	0	0
JhPerit 3b	3	0	0	0	VMrtncz c	4	1	2	0
LaPort lf	3	0	1	0	Yukils 1b-3b	3	1	1	1
Shppch dh	2	0	0	0	D.Ortiz dh	4	0	1	1
Choo ph-dh	0	0	0	0	Bay lf	4	0	2	1
AMarte 1b	3	0	0	0	Lowell 3b	4	0	0	0
Valuen ss	3	0	0	0	Ktchm 1b	0	0	0	0
Marson c	3	0	1	0	Gthgrt rf	2	0	0	0
Crowe rf	3	0	0	0	Baldelli ph	1	0	0	0
					BrAndr rf	3	0	0	0
					AlnGnzl ss	3	0	2	0
Totals	28	0	3	0	Totals	33	3	12	3
Cleveland				Boston					
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
C.Carrasco L,0-4	3½	9	3	3	1	1			
JLewis	1½	1	0	0	2	2			
R.Perez	2	2	0	0	0	0			
Veras	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Lester W,15-8	6½	2	0	0	1	7			
D.Bard H,13	2	1	0	0	0	1			
Wagner lf	1	0	0	0	0	1			
Papelbon S,38-41	1	0	0	0	0	2			
HBP—by D.Bard (Choo), T—2:45. A—37,459 (37,373).									

Orioles 3, Rays 2

Baltimore					Tampa Bay				
ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi	
BRorts 2b	5	0	0		Bartlett ss	3	0	0	
Cizturs ss	3	1	2		Kapler rf	3	0	0	
Wieters c	4	0	1		Cwrfd ph-1f	1	0	0	
Markks rf	3	1	1		Longori 3b	4	0	0	
Wgnntn dh	4	1	0		Zobrist lf-rr	4	2	1	
Mora 3b	4	0	1		Bupton cf	4	0	0	
Aubrey 1b	4	0	0		Wayar 1b	3	0	2	
Montzn lf	3	0	0		FPerez pr	0	0	0	
Fiorntn cf	4	0	1		Burrell dh	2	0	1	
					Navarr c	2	0	0	
					Zaun ph	1	0	1	
					Iwarr 2b	4	0	0	
Totals	34	3	7	3	Totals	31	2	5	2
Baltimore					Tampa Bay				
IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO				
E—Bartlett (20), LOB—Baltimore 7, Tampa Bay 7, 2B—Cizturs (12), Zobrist (26), W.Aybar (12), HR—Zobrist (27), SB—W.Aybar (1), CS—Montanez (1), SF—Burrell.									
Baltimore	5	2	1	1	3	2			
Waters W,1-0	1½	0	0	0	1	1			
Meredith H,2	½	0	0	0	0	0			
A.Castillo H,5	½	0	0	0	0	0			
Baez H,14	1	0	0	0	0	0			
Johnson S,9-15	1	3	1	1	0	0			
Garza L,8-12	6	6	3	3	2	4			
Shouse	1	1	0	0	0	0			
Wheeler	1½	0	0	0	0	3			
Choate	¾	0	0	0	0	0			
HBP—by Garza (Montanez). T—2:29. A—10,716 (36,973).									



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Atlanta Braves shortstop Yunel Escobar, top, turns a double play at second base as the Washington Nationals' Willie Harris tries to slide under him as Braves second baseman Martin Prado looks on during the first inning Thursday in Atlanta. The Nationals won 2-1.

National League

East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
y-Philadelphia	92	67	.579	—	
Atlanta	86	73	.541	6	
Florida	85	74	.535	7	
New York	67	92	.421	25	
Washington	56	103	.352	36	
Central Division					
y-St. Louis	91	68	.572	—	
Chicago	82	76	.519	8½	
Milwaukee	77	82	.484	14	
Cincinnati	76	83	.478	15	
Houston	74	85	.465	17	
Pittsburgh	61	97	.386	29½	
West Division					
x-Los Angeles	93	66	.585	—	
x-Colorado	91	68	.572	2	
San Francisco	86	73	.541	7	
San Diego	74	85	.465	19	
Arizona	68	91	.428	25	

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division

Wednesday's games
Pittsburgh 4, Chicago Cubs 0, 1st game
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 4
Philadelphia 10, Houston 3
Florida 5, Atlanta 4
Cincinnati 6, St. Louis 1
Pittsburgh 8, Chicago Cubs 2, 2nd game
Colorado 10, Milwaukee 6
San Diego 5, L.A. Dodgers 0
San Francisco 4, Arizona 1

Thursday's games
St. Louis 13, Cincinnati 0
Colorado 9, Milwaukee 2
San Francisco 7, Arizona 3
Washington 2, Atlanta 1
Houston 5, Philadelphia 3
Pittsburgh at Chicago, ccd., rain
Friday's games
Arizona at Chicago Cubs
Florida at Philadelphia
Houston at N.Y. Mets
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati
Washington at Atlanta
Milwaukee at St. Louis
San Francisco at San Diego
Colorado at L.A. Dodgers

Saturday's games
Arizona (D.Cabrera 0-5) at Chicago Cubs (R.Wells 11-10)
Houston (Bazardo 1-2) at N.Y. Mets (Misch 2-4)
Milwaukee (Bush 5-9) at St. Louis (Lohse 6-9)
Florida (A.Sanchez 3-8) at Philadelphia (Hamel 10-10)
Washington (Detwiler 1-6) at Atlanta (Jurjris 14-10)
Pittsburgh (Duke 11-15) at Cincinnati (Cuelto 10-11)
San Francisco (Cain 14-7) at San Diego (LeBlanc 2-1)
Colorado (De La Rosa 16-9) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 8-8)

Sunday's games
Houston (W.Lopez 0-1) at N.Y. Mets (Figuerroa 2-8)
Pittsburgh (K.Hart 4-9) at Cincinnati (H.Bailey 7-5)
Florida (Jo.Johnson 15-5) at Philadelphia (Happ 12-4)
Washington (J.Martin 5-4) at Atlanta (T.Hudson 2-1)
Milwaukee (Narveson 2-0) at St. Louis (Pineiro 15-12)
Arizona (D.Davis 8-14) at Chicago Cubs (Dempster 11-8)
San Francisco (J.Sanchez 8-12) at San Diego (Mujica 3-5)
Colorado (Marquis 15-12) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 12-11)

Thursday
Cardinals 13, Reds 0

Cardinals 13, Reds 0									
St. Louis					Cincinnati				
	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
Schmkr 2b-1f	4	0	1	0	Stubbs cf	4	0	1	0
KGreen ph	1	0	0	0	RRmrz p	0	0	0	0
Thurstn lf	0	0	0	0	Herrer p	0	0	0	0
Rasms cf	5	1	1	0	Sutton ss	2	0	0	0
Pajulas 1b	3	1	0	0	Fisher p	0	0	0	0
Motte p	0	0	0	0	DMCDn cf	1	0	0	0
McClIn p	0	0	0	0	Votto 1b	2	0	0	0
Pagnzz ph-1b	1	0	0	0	Barker ph-1b	1	0	0	0
HolidIf lf	3	1	1	0	BPHilps 2b	4	0	0	0
Hwks p	0	0	0	0	Janish ss	0	0	0	0
Wespe ph-1b	0	0	0	0	Reese lf	1	1	0	0
TMiller p	0	0	0	0	FRmc ph-1b	1	0	0	0
Ankiel rf	5	3	2	0	Bruce rf	4	0	0	0
Glaus 3b	5	2	2	2	Gomes lf	2	0	0	0
YmolIn c	2	0	1	0	Dickrns lf	2	0	0	0
LaRue c	3	2	2	1	CMiller c	2	0	0	0
BRryan ss	3	1	1	1	Viola p	0	0	0	0
TGreen ss	2	1	1	0	ARosis ss-2b	2	0	2	0
Crgnt p	3	1	2	6	K.Wells p	0	0	0	0
Lugo 2b	1	0	0	0	Owings p	1	0	1	0
					Sanrry p	0	0	0	0

NL roundup

Rocky Mountain high back in Colorado

The Associated Press

DENVER — After a champagne celebration at Coors Field, the Colorado Rockies headed to Los Angeles with a playoff berth in their back pocket and another goal in mind: snatching the NL West title from the reeling Dodgers.

The Rockies completed one of the most remarkable turnarounds in major league history by clinching a playoff spot with a 9-2 victory over Milwaukee on Thursday. They were a dozen games under .500 four months ago and now they're 91-68, the best mark in their 17-year history.

"And we're not done yet," Ryan Spilborghs said.

The Rockies' fourth consecutive victory eliminated Atlanta, their final pursuer, from contention for the NL wild card and gave Colorado its second playoff berth in three years. They won the pennant in 2007.

Colorado can catch the Dodgers for the NL West title if the Rockies sweep a weekend series in Los Angeles. The Dodgers, who have lost four in a row, were off Thursday and watched their division lead over the Rockies get sliced to two games with three to play.

So, the Rockies won't be resting their regulars this weekend.

"Until we get beat a game, we're going to try to win the division," said manager Jim Tracy, who is 73-40 since taking over the club upon Clint Hurdle's firing May 29.

"We've done this before," Todd Helton said. "We've poured champagne on ourselves before and once the party's over, we know how to get back to work."

The Rockies will send ace Ubaldo Jimenez to the mound Friday night to face lefty Randy Wolf.

"Regardless, we're in the post-season — but we want to go there and beat L.A.," said Aaron Cook, who pitched four-hit ball over eight spectacular innings Thursday in his second start since missing a month because of a sore shoulder.

As the Rockies rejoiced behind the mound after the final out, fans broke into a chant of "Beat L.A.! Beat L.A.!" as fireworks crackled through a cloudless sky. "I've never had a better feeling than this in 33 years in professional baseball," Tracy said.

After trading slugger Matt Holliday last fall for closer Huston Street and outfielder Carlos Gonzalez, the Rockies got off to a stumbling start. They were 18-28 on May 29 when Tracy took over.

He gathered his players in the clubhouse and told them the best players were going to play and he was going to get out of the way. That lent stability to the lineup and bullpen and added excitement in the clubhouse. It took a week for Tracy's approach to take hold. The Rockies fell to 20-32, 15½ games behind the Dodgers, on June 3. Only the lowly Washington Nationals were worse.

Then, recalling their "Rocto-ber" run of 2007, they won 17 of 18 and started to believe another

champagne shower in October was possible. "That's quite a mountain to climb," Tracy said. They're 71-36 since June 3.

Cardinals 13, Reds 0: At Cincinnati, pitcher Chris Carpenter hit a grand slam and drove in six runs, as St. Louis trounced Cincinnati. Carpenter's first career homer capped a five-run second inning for the Cardinals, who had lost five of six games. He added a two-run double during a four-run fifth. The right-hander also allowed just three-hits over five innings for his 17th victory.

Astros 5, Phillies 3: At Philadelphia, Cliff Lee was shaky in his playoff tuneup as the Phillies, one night after clinching their third consecutive NL East title, lost to Houston. Miguel Tejada homered to extend his hitting streak to 18 games and Lance Berkman had a two-run double for the Astros. Lee (7-4), a strong candidate to start Game 1 in the best-of-five division series Wednesday, worked 5⅔ innings. The 2008 AL Cy Young Award winner allowed four runs — three earned — and seven hits. He struck out six.



First baseman Todd Helton is in a party mood after the Rockies beat the Brewers to wrap up a spot in the playoffs Thursday. The Rockies will play the Dodgers this weekend for the NL West title.

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YOKOTA AIR BASE, JAPAN — He remembers watching them. Playing against them. The way they passed the volleyball and set each other up. They were the best the military had to offer.

And it was his interaction with members of the All Air Force and All Armed Forces volleyball teams that left quite an impression on Clarence Hucks Jr. when he was a fledgling player at Misawa Air Base's Edgren High School in the mid-1990s.

So when Hucks made the decision to join the Air Force in 2002, one of his goals was to one day qualify for both teams. "Meeting and playing against members of both the Air Force volleyball team and Armed Forces team had a significant influence over me," said Hucks, who finds himself back in Japan at Yokota Air Base. "Those individuals were playing at a much higher level of volleyball that I eventually wanted to be a part of."

After years of honing his skills on base teams, the technical sergeant was selected as a member of the Air Force team earlier this year. In June, his team won the gold medal after defeating the best of the Army, Navy and Marines Corps in the Armed Forces Volleyball tournament at Cherry Point, N.C.

Hucks' stellar play in the tournament earned him the opportunity to play on the U.S. National team and compete in the International Military Sports Council Tournament Volleyball tournament in Rio de Janeiro later in June. Hucks and his teammates finished eighth in the 12-team round-robin event.

Hucks called it a "surreal experience" playing against such countries as China, India, Netherlands and Venezuela.

"There are no intense rivalries," he said. "Everyone is there to represent their countries to the best of their abilities and to pro-



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Tech Sgt. Clarence Hucks Jr., made the International Military Sports Council team and represented the U.S. military in Rio de Janeiro in June.

mote friendship through sports," said Hucks, who struck up friendships with players from Iran, Qatar, Brazil and other nations.

He said stepping out onto the court in front of so many people in a huge arena was a bit overwhelming.

"I've never played in a tournament of that magnitude," said Hucks. "You're playing against some of the most elite athletes in the world."

Having reached the pinnacle of his military sports career, Hucks, 32, isn't sure how much longer he'll play competitively, but he does know he wants to pass his passion and knowledge of the game to youngsters. He currently serves as assistant coach for the Seisen International School in Setagaya-ku. Hucks says he focuses on teaching his young players the basic fundamentals of volleyball.

The same fundamentals he picked up watching and playing against the military's best those many years ago in Misawa.

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Courtesy photo

Clarence Hucks Jr. tips the ball back toward his opponents as he and his Air Force teammates win the gold in the All Armed Forces Volleyball Tournament at Cherry Point, N.C., in June.



ANASTASIA RODGERS/special to Stars and Stripes

Zama American running back Michael Spencer plows through the tackle of the Yokota Panthers' Wesly Cannonier during Friday's DODEA Japan/Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools game at Camp Zama, Japan. Zama beat Yokota 33-6, its first on-field victory over the Panthers in 11 seasons.

High school football

Spencer, Zama American earn landmark victory over Yokota

By DAVE ORNAUER
Stars and Stripes

CAMP ZAMA, Japan — Zama American wide receiver Stephen Ferrer held four fingers in the air and repeated the mantra that Trojans coaches had impressed on their players all week:

"Finish!" Ferrer shouted. "C'mon, finish!"

Finish was what the Trojans could not do four weeks earlier at Yokota, but did with zest on Friday as Zama recorded its first on-field victory over the Panthers in 11 seasons, 33-6 at Trojans Field.

Michael Spencer rushed 28 times for 205 yards and three touchdowns, and quarterback Mike Jorgenson sneaked for two TDs as Zama outgained Yokota 426-233 and slipped into the driver's seat in the DODEA Japan and Kanto Plain Association of Secondary Schools title chase.

"Wonderful. It's great," coach Steven Merrell said. The teams split the season series 1-1, but Zama owns an 11-point differential edge.

Zama (3-1) ended Yokota's 41-game Kanto Plain winning streak, and got its first on-field victory since a 12-6 win over of the Panthers on Oct. 10, 1998. Zama got a forfeit victory over

Yokota in 2002 when it was found the Panthers used an ineligible player in a 21-6 victory over the Trojans.

The last time the teams met, a 28-12 Yokota victory on Sept. 4, the Trojans breached Panthers territory seven times but came away empty, turning the ball over four times and losing it three times on downs.

"Last time, we didn't finish," Merrell said. "This week, that's what we preached was finish, finish, finish. We have to finish."

And the Trojans finished behind an offensive line that helped Zama stage four lengthy drives. Ryan Blackstock and Ashton Norwood combined for 162 yards on 11 attempts for Zama, which has 1,584 rushing yards on 225 attempts, the best four-game stretch in school history.

"If you control the line of scrimmage, you control the game, you're going to be successful," Merrell said.

Yokota, meanwhile, turned the ball over three times, with Spencer recovering a fumble and Malcolm Franklin two. Its only score came on DeEric Harvin's 35-yard pass to Miles Andrews in the first quarter.

"Their offensive line absolutely

dominated and their execution was nearly flawless," Panthers coach Tim Pujol said. "Defensively, we didn't have any answers, but our offense ... poor execution. I don't know what else to say."

Okinawa

Kadena 48, Ryukyu University 3: At Kadena Air Base, Kadena got 163 yards and three touchdowns on eight carries from Sharif Coleman. Dennis Sharp ran for a touchdown and caught a TD pass and Thomas McDonald ran for a score.

"They always come out with a lot of heart and they hit really hard," Kadena coach Sergio Mendoza said. His Panthers (3-0) would have otherwise had three weeks off in advance of Friday's game with Kubasaki. "We had to shake the rust off before next week's game."

Guam games put on hold by Typhoon Melor

Approaching Typhoon Melor forced Guam Interscholastic Football League officials to postpone Saturday's three games. It was not known when they would be made up.

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2016 SUMMER OLYMPICS

IOC declares it's the Rio deal

South America awarded first Games, beating out Chicago, Madrid and Tokyo

By JOHN LEICESTER
The Associated Press

COPENHAGEN — Finally, South America gets an Olympics. The 2016 Games are going to Rio de Janeiro.

In a vote of high drama Friday, the bustling Brazilian carnival city of beaches, mountains and samba beat surprise finalist Madrid, which got a big helping hand from a very influential friend.

Chicago was knocked out in the first round — in one of the most shocking defeats handed down by the International Olympic Committee. Even Tokyo, which had trailed throughout the race, did better — eliminated in the second round.

Rio spoke to IOC members' consciences: The city argued that it was simply unfair that South America has never hosted the Games, and Europe, Asia and North America have done so repeatedly.

"It is a time to address this imbalance," Brazil's charismatic president, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, told the IOC's members before they voted. "It is time to light the Olympic cauldron in a tropical country."

The bearded former union leader disappeared into a huge group hug with the joyous Rio team after IOC president Jacques Rogge announced that the city had won. Soccer great Pele had tears in his eyes.

Madrid's surprising success in reaching the final round came after former IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch made an un-



FABIAN BIMMER/AP

Carlos Arthur Nuzman, left, head of the Rio 2016 bid, and Brazilian soccer great Pele, their country's flag between them, rejoice Friday after Rio de Janeiro was awarded the 2016 Summer Olympics.

usual appeal for the Spanish capital, reminding the IOC's members as he asked for their vote that, at age 89, "I am very near the end of my time."

Samaranch ran the IOC for 21 years before Rogge took over in 2001.

Chicago had been seen as a front-runner and got the highest

level of support — from President Barack Obama. But he spent only a few hours in the Danish capital where the vote was held and left before the result was announced.

Former IOC member Kai Holm said that the brevity of his appearance might have counted against him. The short stopover was "too business-like," Holm said. "It can

be that some IOC members see it as a lack of respect."

Senior Australian IOC member Kevan Gosper surmised that Asian voters might have banded together for Tokyo in the first round, at Chicago's expense.

"I'm shocked," Gosper said. "The whole thing doesn't make sense other than there has been a

stupid bloc vote."

He worried that the shock exit could do "untold damage" to the testy relations between the IOC and the U.S. Olympic Committee. They had recent flare-ups over revenue sharing and a USOC TV network.

"To have the president of the United States and his wife personally appear, then this should happen in the first round is awful and totally undeserving," Gosper said.

The European-dominated IOC's past two experiences in the United States were bad: the 2002 Salt Lake City Winter Olympics were sullied by a bribery scandal and logistical problems and a bombing hit the 1996 Games in Atlanta.

Obama had held out the enticing prospect of a Chicago Games helping to reconnect the United States with the world after the presidency of George W. Bush. He told the IOC early Friday that the "full force of the White House" would be applied so "visitors from all around the world feel welcome and will come away with a sense of the incredible diversity of the American people."

Now, Chicago can rue what might have been. And Obama's gamble of expending his own political capital on the bid backfired.

The last U.S. city to bid for the Summer Games, New York, did scarcely better. It was ousted in the second round in the 2005 vote that gave the 2012 Games to London.

Unbeatens: Jets, Saints each have other's respect

UNBEATENS, FROM BACK PAGE

The success Ryan had as a coordinator has translated to his first head coaching job in New York. That was never more evident than when the Jets kept Tom Brady and the Patriots out of the end zone in a 16-9 victory in Week 2.

"They earned my respect that night, you talk about three field goals," said Saints fullback Heath Evans, who played the previous four seasons with New England. "I know what Tom Brady brings to the table. I know what the Randy Mosses of the world bring to the table. We've got our hands full and it's going to take probably close to a perfect game to get these guys an 'L' in that column."

Jets defenders are similarly complimentary of New Orleans' offense, which is averaging 438 yards per game and a league-leading 40 points per game. The Saints' smallest margin of victory so far is 18 points.

"With Drew Brees, there's no one receiver that you can focus on and say he gets the ball, double him, roll coverage to him," linebacker Bart Scott said. "He gets the ball to everybody. Everybody plays harder when they feel they have a chance to get

the ball. Sometimes some guys don't run their routes hard because they're not getting the ball and they're a decoy. [Brees] gets other guys the ball. That ball is spread all over the place."

Case in point: Evans, who hasn't carried the ball once from his fullback position, has two touchdowns receiving, tying him for second on the team with tight end Jeremy Shockey. They're each one behind Marques Colston.

This season, the Saints' offense has been made even more difficult to defend thanks to a credible running game. When Buffalo crowded the defensive backfield with zone coverage last week, making it tough for Brees to find an open man, Payton started dialing up running plays and New Orleans racked up 222 yards rushing. Pierre Thomas had 126 yards and two touchdowns in the second half alone.

"As balanced as we've been running and passing, I think we've shown that if you come in against us you need to be ready for both and you better have an answer for both," Brees said. "We're going to try to formation you to death and personnel you to death. ... We go into every game with the attitude that we're going to dictate the

tempo of this game and you're going to have to worry about us and not the other way around."

The Jets' defensive leaders say the same thing about their unit.

"We don't adjust. We do what we do," Scott said. "We respect the opponent, but we're not going to change the way we play for an opponent. We have to believe in our system like [the Saints] believe in theirs."

Meanwhile, the Jets' offense and Saints' defense have been pretty good in their own right.

Under new coordinator Gregg Williams, New Orleans is creating more turnovers, with nine so far, and is giving up fewer yards and fewer points. New Orleans allowed only one score on a fake field goal at Buffalo last Sunday.

Likewise, the Jets are pleased with the way Sanchez has led the offense, with largely mistake-free performances highlighted by timely completions and even a courageous touchdown scramble last week.

"He's doing a great job for them as far as understanding that they have a very good defense, they have a very good running game and he's going to play to those

strengths," said Saints linebacker Jonathan Vilma, who spent his first four NFL seasons with the Jets. "I'm happy for him. I know how the New York media can be. All eyes are on him right now and I'm happy as heck for him that he's able to go out there with a cool, calm demeanor and play well. ... Hopefully he won't do that Sunday against us."

All the national attention given to Sanchez and the Jets hasn't gone unnoticed in New Orleans, but Saints players don't seem to mind.

"I prefer staying under the radar," Vilma said. "Us being 3-0, that's not newsworthy yet. That's fine with us. We'll keep playing and keep playing well."

Regardless of whether Vilma's perception matches reality, it's clear football fans everywhere will be paying attention to this game.

"I don't know if there's any other game this weekend where there's two undefeated teams playing each other, so if it's not the game of the week, then I don't know what other game would be," Saints running back Reggie Bush said. "I feel the excitement. ... These are the types of games you love to play in. This is what you live for."

Sports briefs

Report: Ted Williams' head is being abused

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Daily News reported that Red Sox Hall of Famer Ted Williams' severed head was mistreated at an Arizona cryonics facility, according to details from a new book.

In "Frozen," Larry Johnson, a former executive at the Alcor Life Extension Foundation in Scottsdale, Ariz., writes that Williams' head, which had been severed and frozen for storage, was abused at the facility. Johnson claims a technician took baseball-like swings at Williams' frozen head with a monkey wrench.

Williams, the last player to hit above .400 in a season, died in 2002 at age 83 and had his remains sent to Alcor for cryogenic storage in the hope that technology would be developed to revive him.

Source: Giants will bring back manager Bochy, GM Sabean

SAN FRANCISCO — A person with knowledge of the situation said the San Francisco Giants are close to new deals for GM Brian Sabean and manager Bruce Bochy.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because details were being worked out and the club hadn't made an announcement. That will likely come Monday during Bochy and Sabean's customary after-season address.

Sabeen received a two-year extension in 2007 that took him through this year and the Giants had to exercise a club option for 2010. Bochy's three-year contract, worth roughly \$6 million, is due to expire at the end of the season.

The Giants will miss the playoffs for the sixth season in a row but were in the NL wild-card race until being eliminated Wednesday night, certainly a sign of progress.

Bradford won't start against Miami

NORMAN, Okla. — Heisman Trophy winner Sam Bradford will not start for No. 8 Oklahoma on Saturday at No. 17 Miami.

Sooners coach Bob Stoops said Landry Jones will start for Bradford, who hasn't played since injuring his shoulder in the first week of the season.

In a statement Thursday, Stoops said Bradford has made progress, but coaches don't believe he is where he needs to be to start.

Bradford sprained his shoulder when he was slammed to the turf while being sacked late in the first half of Oklahoma's loss to BYU on Sept. 5.

Jones, a redshirt freshman, threw six TD passes in a 45-0 rout of Tulsa on Sept. 19, OU's last game.

In other football news:

■ Running back LeGarrette Blount could be reinstated to Oregon's football team this season if he meets certain conditions, coach Chip Kelly said. Blount was suspended for punching Boise State's Byron Hout in the aftermath of Oregon's 19-8 season-opening loss to the Broncos. The suspension banned him from games, but Blount was allowed to remain on scholarship and practice with the team. Kelly said he set down academic, behavior and football-related "ladders" that Blount must achieve for possible reinstatement, which would not come before Oregon's Nov. 7 game against Stanford.

■ Penn State linebacker Sean Lee is likely to miss his second consecutive game

because of a knee injury when the No. 15 Nittany Lions travel to Illinois on Saturday. Lee sprained his left knee during Penn State's Sept. 19 game against Temple and didn't play in last week's loss to Iowa.

■ Syracuse University is naming the field in the Carrier Dome "Ernie Davis Legends Field." The tribute to the 1961 Heisman Trophy winner comes a year after the release of a movie about his life called "The Express." Davis, the first black player to win college football's highest honor, died of leukemia before playing a game in the NFL.

Deadline extended for decision on Fighting Sioux nickname

GRAND FORKS, N.D. — North Dakota's state Board of Higher Education extended a deadline to decide whether to keep or scrap the University of North Dakota's Fighting Sioux nickname.

The board voted 6-1 on Thursday to extend its deadline for deciding 30 to 60 days. Board members say more time is needed to get opinions on the matter from the Standing Rock Sioux tribe's new tribal council.

The NCAA considers the nickname "hostile and offensive" and says UND cannot host playoff events without approval from the state's two Sioux tribes. Supporters say the name honors the Sioux tribes and is an important part of the school's tradition.

Woods first athlete with \$1 billion in earnings

NEW YORK — Forbes said Tiger Woods is the first athlete to surpass \$1 billion in career earnings. The magazine estimates that golf's top-ranked player crested figure when he earned \$10 million for winning the FedEx Cup on Sunday.

Forbes reported on its Web site that Woods entered 2009 having earned \$895 million since he joined the PGA Tour in 1996. Prize money, appearance fees, endorsement fees, bonuses and his golf course design business were calculated to have pushed him past \$1 billion.

The magazine said former NBA great Michael Jordan and former Formula One driver Michael Schumacher, at \$800 million and \$700 million, respectively, are Woods' closest competition in career earnings.

NASCAR warns Hendrick teams about cars

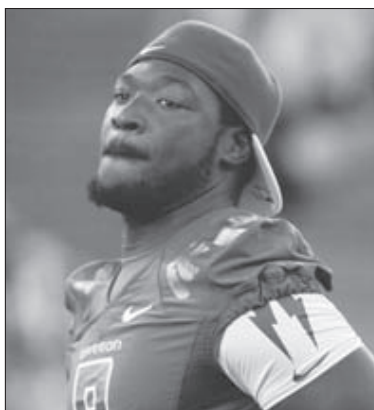
KANSAS CITY, Kan. — NASCAR warned Hendrick Motorsports that the cars of Jimmie Johnson and Mark Martin came very close to failing post-race inspection following their 1-2 finish at Dover last week.

The Chevrolets owned by Hendrick Motorsports came within less than an inch of surpassing the tolerated measurements on the body of their cars. Martin is leading in points, and three-time defending series champion Johnson is second in the standings.

Catchings helps Fever even WNBA Finals

PHOENIX — Tamika Catchings fell one rebound shy of the first triple-double in WNBA Finals history as the Indiana Fever beat the Phoenix Mercury 93-84 on Thursday night to square the best-of-five series 1-1.

Catchings had 19 points, 11 assists and nine rebounds to help the Fever steal home-court advantage in the series with the next



DON RYAN/AP

Oregon running back LeGarrette Blount, who was suspended for the rest of the season after punching a Boise State player, could be reinstated.

two games in Indianapolis, beginning with Game 3 on Sunday.

In other league news:

■ The Atlanta Dream's Angel McCoughtry was voted rookie of the year Thursday. McCoughtry received 27 votes from members of the media. Runner-up DeWanna Bonner, who helped Phoenix reach the finals, got nine votes.

■ Marynell Meadors was honored as the league's coach of the year, after orchestrating the Dream's 14-game improvement from last season, the second-biggest turnaround in league history.

McNair anti-suicide PSA: 'Live to see better days'

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A public service announcement recorded by former NFL quarterback Steve McNair shortly before his young mistress killed him and then herself urges young people thinking about suicide to call a hot line and "live to see better days."

The Tennessee Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities shelved the announcement after McNair's July 4 death. The Associated Press obtained a copy of three versions of the announcement through a public records request.

In it, McNair says, "Each year too many young people are taking their own lives. So if you're feeling really down and have even thought about suicide, call 1-800-273-TALK."

Irish lose forward Martin for the season

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Notre Dame forward Scott Martin, expected to start for the Fighting Irish, will miss the basketball season after tearing the anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee.

Martin underwent an MRI Friday, a day after injuring his knee during a pre-season workout. Notre Dame coach Mike Brey said he was disappointed for Martin, but said he expects him to be ready for the 2010-11 season. The 6-foot-8 Martin sat out last season after transferring from Purdue, for which he averaged 8.5 points and 3.8 rebounds in 32 games and eight starts as a freshman.

Vegas judge issues warrant for Roger Mayweather

LAS VEGAS — A Las Vegas judge issued an arrest warrant for Roger Mayweather after the boxing trainer failed to show up for a court appearance on battery and coercion charges.

Mayweather, who coached his nephew, Floyd Mayweather Jr., to victory in a September fight, did not appear or have a lawyer present at a felony arraignment in Las Vegas Justice Court on Friday.

Roger Mayweather, 48, is accused of attacking a female boxer he once trained.

NFL briefs

Hasselbeck likely to miss another game

The Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Matt Hasselbeck's broken rib hasn't gotten better this week, so the Seahawks' quarterback is "very doubtful" to return Sunday at undefeated Indianapolis.

Seattle coach Jim Mora made that assessment after Friday's practice. Mora said his three-time Pro Bowl passer will travel with the team Saturday morning.

That is more than he could say about Walter Jones. The nine-time Pro Bowl left tackle almost certainly will not make his season debut Sunday. Jones has slowed his attempt to get back from two knee surgeries since last winter.

The Seahawks (1-2) will have recent Dolphins castoff Brandon Frye at left tackle protecting backup quarterback Seneca Wallace's blind side for the second consecutive game.

Bills put McKelvin on IR

ORCHARD PARK, N.Y. — Bills starting cornerback Leodis McKelvin was placed on season-ending injured reserve Thursday to clear room for the team to add running back Marshawn Lynch to the active roster.

The move was announced as the Bills' roster exemption expired for Lynch, who had completed an NFL-imposed three-game suspension for violating the league's personal-conduct policy. Lynch rejoined the team Monday, but the Bills were granted a four-day exemption to ensure he'll be ready to play Sunday, when Buffalo (1-2) travels to face Miami (0-3).

McKelvin was considered expendable because there was no clear timetable on when he could return after breaking his leg in the first half of a 27-7 loss to New Orleans on Sunday. The 2008 first-round draft pick becomes the seventh Bills player to be placed on injured reserve this season, and joins starting right tackle Brad Butler and starting tight end Derek Schouman, who were placed on the list last week after both sustained knee injuries.

Giants' Phillips has surgery

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — New York Giants safety Kenny Phillips has had microfracture surgery on his left knee and will have to wait about five months before he can start to run.

Phillips, who was placed on injured reserve last week with patellofemoral arthritis, had the surgery on Tuesday.

"I know that the doctors felt good about it," coach Tom Coughlin said Thursday. "So we are very, very hopeful and optimistic."

Phillips said on his Web site that Dr. James Andrew performed the surgery in Alabama.

"I'm going to make a speedy recovery, and I'll be back better than ever next year," he said.

Texans tight end has swine flu

HOUSTON — Houston Texans rookie tight end Anthony Hill was hospitalized this week with swine flu in the first confirmed case in an NFL player this season.

Texans vice president of communications Tony Wyllie said Hill is the only player on the team believed to have swine flu and other players are being monitored.

Hill, a fourth-round draft pick from North Carolina State, spent two nights in a hospital. Coach Gary Kubiak told the Houston Chronicle that Hill could be released later Friday.

Houston (1-2) plays host to Oakland (1-2) on Sunday.

Game Day

WEEK 4



EXPANDED STANDINGS

American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	AFC	NFC	Div
East											
N.Y. Jets	3	0	0	1.000	64	33	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
New England	2	1	0	.667	60	50	2-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0
Buffalo	1	2	0	.333	64	72	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
Miami	0	3	0	.000	43	69	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
South											
Indianapolis	3	0	0	1.000	72	45	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Jacksonville	1	2	0	.333	60	69	0-1-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-1-0
Houston	1	2	0	.333	65	86	0-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Tennessee	0	3	0	.000	58	71	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
North											
Baltimore	3	0	0	1.000	103	53	2-0-0	1-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Cincinnati	2	1	0	.667	61	56	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Pittsburgh	1	2	0	.333	47	50	1-0-0	0-2-0	1-1-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
Cleveland	0	3	0	.000	29	95	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0
West											
Denver	3	0	0	1.000	62	16	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
San Diego	2	1	0	.667	73	64	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	1-0-0
Oakland	1	2	0	.333	36	57	0-2-0	1-0-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-2-0
Kansas City	0	3	0	.000	48	85	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-1-0

National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	Home	Away	NFC	AFC	Div
East											
N.Y. Giants	3	0	0	1.000	80	48	1-0-0	2-0-0	3-0-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
Dallas	2	1	0	.667	86	61	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Philadelphia	2	1	0	.667	94	72	1-1-0	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Washington	1	2	0	.333	40	49	1-0-0	0-2-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
South											
New Orleans	3	0	0	1.000	120	56	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	0-0-0
Atlanta	2	1	0	.667	57	53	2-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Carolina	0	3	0	.000	37	87	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
Tampa Bay	0	3	0	.000	41	91	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-1-0	0-0-0
North											
Minnesota	3	0	0	1.000	88	57	1-0-0	2-0-0	2-0-0	1-0-0	1-0-0
Green Bay	2	1	0	.667	81	63	1-1-0	1-0-0	2-0-0	0-1-0	1-0-0
Chicago	2	1	0	.667	57	54	1-0-0	1-1-0	1-1-0	1-0-0	0-1-0
Detroit	1	2	0	.333	59	86	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	0-1-0
West											
San Francisco	2	1	0	.667	67	53	1-0-0	1-1-0	2-1-0	0-0-0	2-0-0
Seattle	1	2	0	.333	57	48	1-1-0	0-1-0	1-2-0	0-0-0	1-1-0
Arizona	1	2	0	.333	57	68	0-2-0	1-0-0	0-1-0	1-1-0	0-1-0
St. Louis	0	3	0	.000	24	73	0-1-0	0-2-0	0-3-0	0-0-0	0-1-0

GAMES ON AFN

(Times are Japan & Korea Standard)

Monday
Seattle at Indianapolis
AFN-Atlantic, 2 a.m.

Seattle RB Edgerrin James needs 80 yards rushing to pass Marcus Allen for 10th on the NFL's career list. He'll have an opportunity in the city where his NFL career began. It's first time James has played against the Colts since leaving as free agent after the 2005 season.

N.Y. Jets at New Orleans
AFN-Sports, 5 a.m.

The Jets seek their first 4-0 start since 2004 and their second consecutive victory at New Orleans. ... QB Mark Sanchez can become the first rookie QB to start and win his team's first four games of a season in the Super Bowl era. ... The Saints have an opportunity to open with four victories for first time under Sean Payton and the first time since 1993.

Dallas at Denver
AFN-Atlantic, 5 a.m.

The Broncos are aiming for their first 4-0 start since 2003. They've won three of their past four at home against Dallas and four of five against the NFC. ... The Cowboys have rushed for 200 yards two games in row for the first time since 1979.

San Diego at Pittsburgh
AFN-Sports, 9:15 a.m.

The Steelers have never lost a regular-season game at home to the Chargers, going 13-0. San Diego has won only once in eight games in either city since the 1994 AFC championship game, a 2006 victory in San Diego. Maybe this is an omen: Until beating Miami 23-13 last Sunday, the Chargers hadn't beaten the Dolphins since 1994.

Tuesday
Green Bay at Minnesota
AFN-Sports, 9:30 a.m.

Packers coach Mike McCarthy is 5-1 against Vikings coach Brad Childress, though the loss was at the Metrodome in their second game last year. Much more notably, the Packers are 0-0 against former QB Brett Favre, whose presence with the rival Vikings in this game has taken lead-up hype to extraordinary levels.

— The Associated Press

NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Oct. 11

Pittsburgh at Detroit
Oakland at N.Y. Giants
Cleveland at Buffalo
Dallas at Kansas City
Minnesota at St. Louis
Cincinnati at Baltimore
Washington at Carolina
Tampa Bay at Philadelphia
Atlanta at San Francisco
Jacksonville at Seattle
Houston at Arizona
New England at Denver
Indianapolis at Tennessee
Open: San Diego, Chicago, Green Bay, New Orleans

Monday, Oct. 12

N.Y. Jets at Miami

MARQUEE MATCHUP

Baltimore Ravens (2-0) at New England Patriots (2-1)

2 a.m. Monday, Japan & Korea Standard, AFN-Sports

OPENING LINE: Patriots by 2
RECORD VS. SPREAD: Baltimore 3-0; New England 1-2

SERIES RECORD: Patriots lead 4-0**LAST MEETING:** Patriots beat Ravens 27-24, Dec. 3, 2007**LAST WEEK:** Ravens beat Browns 34-3; Patriots beat Falcons 26-10**RAVENS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (2), RUSH (5), PASS (5)**RAVENS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (7), RUSH (1), PASS (17)**PATRIOTS OFFENSE:** OVERALL (5), RUSH (17), PASS (3)**PATRIOTS DEFENSE:** OVERALL (6), RUSH (10), PASS (6)

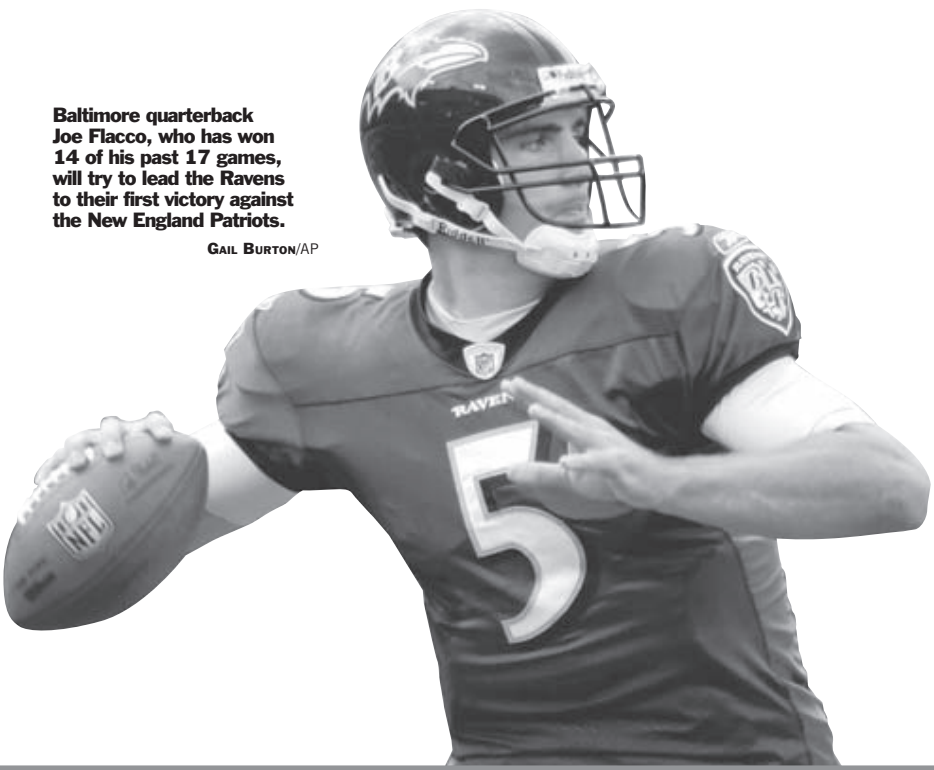
STREAKS, STATS AND NOTES: In their last meeting, the Patriots improved to 12-0 with a victory over the Ravens, but needed a touchdown pass with 44 seconds left from Tom Brady to Jabar Gaffney. They finished the regular

season 16-0, but lost the Super Bowl. ... Baltimore MLB Ray Lewis has averaged nearly 10 tackles a game against New England ... The Ravens have two rushers with at least 190 yards, Ray Rice and Willis McGahee. The Patriots have one close to that figure: Fred Taylor with 176. ... Baltimore hasn't allowed a 100-yard rusher in its past 38 games, the longest current streak in the NFL. ... Ravens QB Joe Flacco has won 14 of his past 17 games. ... Baltimore LB Terrell Suggs is expected to play his 100th consecutive game, having never missed one since he entered the NFL in 2003. ... New England faces its third straight quarterback with no more than two years in the league, second-year pro Flacco. Flacco follows rookie Mark Sanchez of the New York Jets and second-year pro Matt Ryan of the Atlanta Falcons. ... The Patriots haven't allowed more than 276 yards in a game this season. ... Brady threw his third TD pass of the season against Atlanta, but was just 3-for-10 inside the 20-yard line as the Patriots settled for four field goals.

— The Associated Press

Baltimore quarterback Joe Flacco, who has won 14 of his past 17 games, will try to lead the Ravens to their first victory against the New England Patriots.

GAIL BURTON/AP



Cowboys take their show on the road

The Dallas Cowboys (2-1), who were sloppy in splitting their first two games at Jerry Jones' billion-dollar palace, travel to Denver to take on the Broncos (3-0).

MATCHUP	STORYLINE	PICK
Lions at Bears	Fresh from victory, can they win again? More apt, can they cover again?	Bears 24-10
Raiders at Texans	Unpredictable Texans should be up this week	Texans 31-13
Seahawks at Colts	Matt Hasselbeck nursing broken rib ... regardless we love Indy	Colts 30-10
Titans at Jaguars	After starting 10-0 last season, Titans are seeking first victory	Titans 17-14
Giants at Chiefs	The Giants (3-0) and Chiefs (0-3) are headed in opposite directions	Giants 20-3
Ravens at Patriots	If anyone can put heat on Tom Brady the way Jets did, it's Baltimore	Ravens 17-13
Bengals at Browns	Of all the bad teams in the league, the Browns might be the worst	Bengals 24-10
Bucs at Redskins	Or maybe it's the Bucs	Redskins 14-7
Rams at 49ers	But not Rams, who should keep this close with Frank Gore out for Niners	49ers 17-9
Bills at Dolphins	If T.O. goes catchless, he might head to South Beach and stay there	Dolphins 14-13
Jets at Saints	We've been burned by the Jets three times. We've learned — a little	Saints 26-21
Cowboys at Broncos	Despite injuries in backfield, better off getting away from home	Cowboys 20-14
Chargers at Steelers	Something amiss in Steel City; Chargers could steal this one	Steelers 20-17
Packers at Vikings	The Pack wants to put Brett Favre on his back. Sorry ...	Vikings 24-20
(Monday night)	OPEN DATES: Cardinals, Falcons, Panthers, Eagles	AP

REST OF THE SCHEDULE

Detroit at Chicago
Oakland at Houston
Tampa Bay at Washington
N.Y. Giants at Kansas City
Cincinnati at Cleveland
Tennessee at Jacksonville
Buffalo at Miami
St. Louis at San Francisco
Open: Arizona, Philadelphia, Atlanta, Carolina

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NFL GAME OF THE WEEK: N.Y. JETS vs. NEW ORLEANS SAINTS

New York Jets
quarterback
Mark Sanchez

ERIC GAY/AP



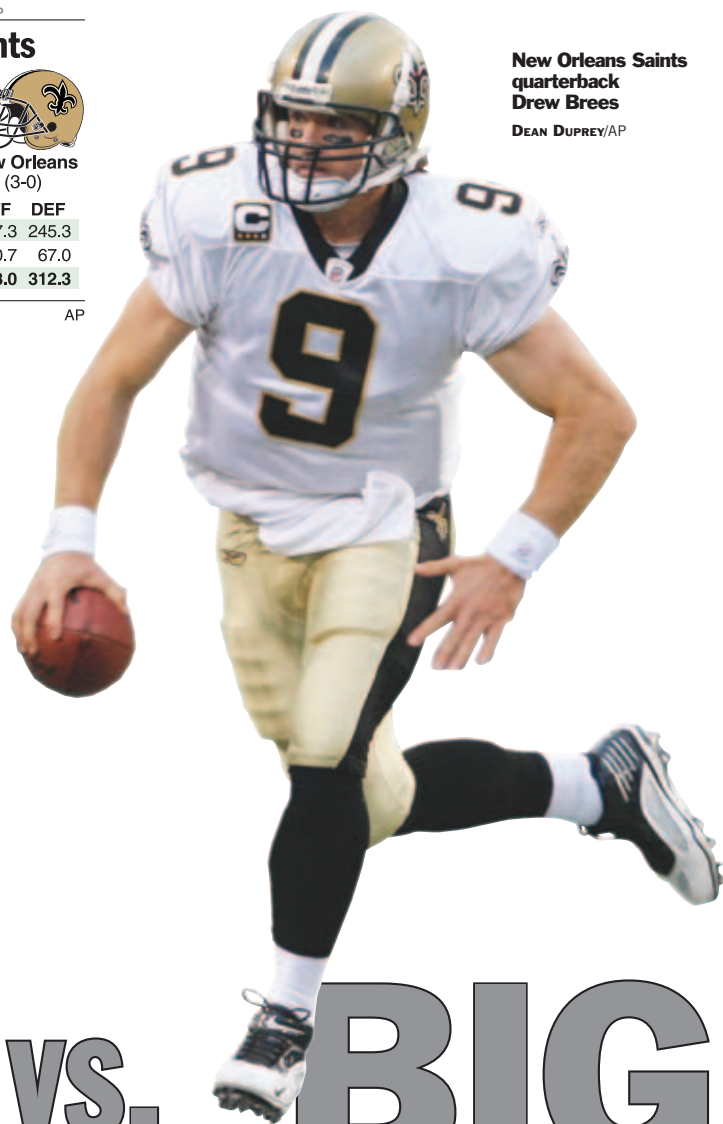
MINUTE MATCHUP Jets at Saints

	N.Y. Jets (3-0)		New Orleans (3-0)	
	OFF	DEF	OFF	DEF
Pass	185.0	173.3	267.3	245.3
Rush	130.0	82.7	170.7	67.0
Total	315.0	256.0	438.0	312.3

AP

New Orleans Saints
quarterback
Drew Brees

DEAN DUPREY/AP



BIG APPLE vs. BIG EASY

Sunday's battle of unbeatens has makings of great matchup

BY BRETT MARTEL
The Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS
Re ex Ryan, the tough-talking coach who said he wasn't going to "kiss the rings" of the New England Patriots, showed a more vulnerable side when discussion turned to the New York Jets' highly anticipated visit to New Orleans.

"Please tell me Drew Brees is not playing," Ryan said wishfully. "I'll be honest

with you. I'm really not looking forward to this one. I wish we could play somebody else, but this is going to be great competition and I'm certainly not ducking it. That's for sure."

Sunday's clash between the Saints' NFL-leading offense and the Jets' fearsome defense has all the makings of a memorable matchup. In this case, it's one subplot to a game that features not only the prolific Brees in his prime, but also rookie Mark Sanchez, the smooth, charismatic former Southern California quarterback whose

pro career is off to a decidedly charmed start.

It's the big-market Big Apple vs. the small-market Big Easy, one first-place team against another, and the winner will be 4-0.

"It's a great opponent: 3-0 vs. 3-0," Brees said. "Only one of us is walking out of this game undefeated. We want it to be us."

Brees referred to Ryan and Saints coach Sean Payton as "gurus," Ryan specializing in defense and Payton calling the plays for an offense that has led the NFL in two of

the previous three seasons.

This year, the Saints have matched their best start since 2006, when Payton, then a rookie head coach, took New Orleans to the playoffs with a 10-6 record. Brees and the Saints had the NFL's No. 1 offense that year, too, but they didn't fare so well against Ryan, who was Baltimore's defensive coordinator at the time. The Ravens came into the Louisiana Superdome, intercepted Brees three times and jumped to a 35-7 lead before cruising to a 35-22 victory.

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